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February 2012
 Shevat/Adar 5772

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 3	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Music by Barbara Seidman Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pam & Ted LeBlang and Harvey Chimoff
Saturday, February 4	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Beshallah Exodus 14:15— 16:10
Friday, February 10	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Erin Sabath & Steven Seitz and Sari & Mark Wancket-
Saturday, February 11	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Yitro Exodus 19:1— 20:23
Friday, February 17	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Bubby & Me5:15pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Adrienne & Marc Daniels and Melanie & Don Caspary
Saturday, February 18	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Mishpatim Exodus 22:4— 23:19
Friday, February 24	Shabbat Eve Sevices8:00 pm Please note later time Oneg Shabbat hosted by Evelyn & Rick Griminger and Doranne & Jerry Jacobson
Saturday, February 25	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Terumah Exodus 26:1— 26:30

Other Events

Tuesday, February 7	Sisterhood Book Club7:30 pm <i>To The End Of The Land by David Grossman</i> <i>Home of Linda Morrisson</i>
Wednesday, February 15	Board of Directors7:30 pm



**Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

February 3	5:02 pm
February 10	5:10 pm
February 17	5:19 pm
February 24	5:27 pm



Broadway Megillah
 Wednesday March 7, 2012
 Details in flyer



The Rabbi's ReMarks



I've recently returned from Denver, where we had an enjoyable time celebrating a family wedding and visiting some of the local attractions – the Zoo and the Nature and Science Museum. The city has had an interesting Jewish history – a Reform synagogue that was a pioneer in the development of innovative Jewish educational curricula; an Orthodox synagogue that began as part of the Conservative movement and switched affiliations in the 1950's; and conversely, a Conservative synagogue that had been Orthodox prior to moving from the west to the southeast side of Denver fifteen years ago. I attended Shabbat morning prayers at the latter. The services were still very much on the traditional side with a full Torah reading and a repetition of both the Shacharit and Musaf amidah. The cantor, who also sang at the wedding, had a most impressive voice and an engaging personality.

I am pleased to note that, after a hiatus of several months, we are planning to hold several special programs at Temple Israel over the next few months in conjunction with Shabbat services as part of our Shabbat for Everyone initiative. These will include another Israeli wine tasting, an Ask the Rabbi night, and discussions on topics of current interest.

Our first such discussion will be on Friday evening, February 10th, when we will address the topic of gender separation and segregation in traditional Judaism. From where within the Jewish tradition do the demands for separation and “modesty” emanate? To what extent are such demands a requirement of Jewish law? What other factors might be at play in the news stories we read about religious tensions in Israel between secular and ultra-Orthodox Jews?

There is a broader context to the topic. Women's participation in synagogue ritual and in positions of rabbinic leadership has been the greatest stride forward that I have witnessed in contemporary Judaism during the course of my career. The changes have occurred primarily within the Reform and Conservative movements, but even modern Orthodoxy has been affected, if only in the opening up to women of opportunities for advanced Jewish study that had not been available to them. *Haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) views on gender issues are obviously at odds with the egalitarianism to which we are accustomed. The extremism that has been reported on in recent headlines, moreover, touches on larger issues about *haredi* participation in the military and work force and in Israeli politics and society in general.

Fittingly, our first Adult Education Lunch and Learn session on February 29th will focus on one of the outstanding female characters in Scripture, Esther, a Jewish woman who saved our people from annihilation.

I look forward to seeing you at both of these programs as well as at other Temple events (poker tournament on March 3rd; Broadway Megillah on March 7th). Mark your calendars and save the dates. So far we've had a tolerable (by central Illinois standards). I hope it stays that way. Stay warm and healthy!

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

Mazel Tov to.....

Jay Kitterman for being named Director of Culinary Institute
& Special Events at Lincoln Land Community College.

President's Message

I must start by expressing my condolences to the Stern Family. The loss this past month of their wife, mother, grandmother, Cece, was very quick and very emotional. I wish you the strength and courage to find your way over these next difficult months. I also hope that Temple Israel can and will help you through this challenging period of time.

As the temple president, I now have had a different view of what happens when a fellow congregant or extended family member passes away. As soon as the word gets out and the family makes a decision concerning the meal of bereavement, the Care Committee goes into full gear. We do have some guidelines that govern what this committee can be expected to do yet I'm always amazed at how in a day or two we can assist the family with whatever is needed.

A huge thanks goes out to Fran Nagorsky, Julie Seidman and the crew they were able to mobilize with such short notice. They set up, served food to over 100 people, and cleaned up without a hitch. I understand that Gina Cihlar was also a major help, as she usually is. So, without mentioning names, as I don't want to leave anyone out, I thank all of you who assisted with this meal of condolence. You all know who you are and without you our congregation wouldn't be the community or family that we have all come to appreciate.

Tu b'shevat, the holiday of the trees, is coming up soon and I hope many of you will be inspired to purchase a leaf on our endowment tree in the lobby. We are again having a special "sale" so this is a great time to honor or remember a loved one and create a message that will remain forever. All of the money in our endowment fund helps guarantee that our synagogue will have a strong and vibrant future, and that as a congregation we will be always be available to help our members in times of need.

Barbara Seidman

B'nai B'rith Super Bowl Party

Date: February 5th

Venue: Jane and Harvey Bakers' house,
2501 Tartan Way, Piper Glen Subdivision.

Time: 5:00 p.m.



Chilli, hot dogs, soft drinks and beer will be provided. Those who plan to attend should contact Pat Chesley at 546-2371.

A simple way to raise money for Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Schnuck's Scrip Program



Please Stop by Temple Israel or contact Lisa GoldbergBelle to pick up your cards. Once you have registered at eScrip (1-800-931-6258) or at www.schnucks.com, all you have to do, is shop at Schnuck's and present your card at checkout. Temple Israel Sisterhood will automatically reap the benefits.

With Sadness....

We mourn the passing of our beloved member

Cece Stern

January 18, 2012

23 Tevet

Condolences to her husband Stanley, to her children Leslie and Jeffrey Addadi, Harry and Wende Stern, David and Lynda Stern, and Michael Stern, and to her grandchildren.

We will miss Cece's warmth, her welcoming personality, her zest for life, her resilience and her optimism.

Her memory abides among us as a blessing.

Community News

Sisterhood News:

We held our Opening Meeting at Temple Israel on December 8 with approximately 30 members in attendance. We had a lovely meal of soup and sandwiches provided by Gloria Schwartz, Grace Wenz, and Annette Schwartz. We had several committee reports. We have sold approximately half of the cookbooks. Our printing costs have now been covered so all additional sales are now profit. Our cookbooks make for great presents for just about any occasion. Beryl Feldman is buying supplies for the kitchen that are needed. Annette Schwartz reported on the gift shop and Lisa reported on the Break the Fast meal she co-chaired with Jackie Perlmutter.

Dates to include on your calendar:

- February 23: Sisterhood Night Out. We are hoping to eat at the Sangamo Club following the presentation by the Israeli Consulate General. TBS Sisterhood is invited to join us. Erin, I believe, is making arrangements with David Radwine to give us a limited field of choices. Each member pays for their own meal. If you need a ride to the event and then home again, please call Ozma and leave your name. We will get back to you with more information. The Federation will announce the time shortly.
- March 29: Taste and Tell is already in the planning stages by Grace Wenz and Suzanne Schriar. Suzanne has graciously volunteered her home for the event. We are also inviting TBS Sisterhood to this event. The focus of the event is to make a recipe you enjoy and a copy of the recipe to share. As we are using this as an opportunity to promote our cookbook further, I imagine we will enjoy a selection of recipes from the book.
- May 10: Donor. Erin has agreed to help with this event which is our annual fund raiser.

Elissa GoldbergBelle



For Oneg at Friday night services we would like to have 2 desserts and 2 appetizer/hors d'oeuvres.

Please arrive at the synagogue ½ hour before service to set up. Plan to stay and serve following services which should be over around 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact your co-host(s) DIRECTLY to make other arrangements.



TI Adult Education Spring 2012 Lunch and Learn Series

Three M'gillot

This series will focus on the three m'gillot or scrolls that are read on the upcoming spring Jewish holidays: Esther (Purim), Song of Songs (Pesach), and Ruth (Shavuot). Study of these books together will offer an opportunity to develop new insights about these texts, their place in the Tanach, and the holidays associated with them.

Attendees are encouraged to read each of the m'gillot in advance of the discussion and to bring a copy to the session.

All sessions: Noon to 1:30

Lunch will be available for purchase. (RSVP required to purchase lunch.)

Location: Temple Israel

The Book of Esther

Wednesday, February 29

Purim, March 7

The Song of Songs

Wednesday, March 28

Pesach begins, Friday, April 6

The Book of Ruth

Wednesday, April 18

Shavuot, May 26



In addition to the m'gillot themselves, the following additional readings are recommended:

The Song of Songs: The World's First Great Love Poem (Modern Library Classics) by Ariel Bloch, Chana Bloch, Robert Alter and Stephen Mitchell, 2006.

Congregation: Contemporary Writers Read the Jewish Bible, by David Rosenberg, 1991.

Behold Your Queen: A Story of Esther, by Gladys Malvern, Susan Houston, and Shawn Connors, 2011. (Original publication, 1951.)

For additional information contact Harry Berman, berman.harry@uis.edu, 753-0459

Yahrzeits—February

1	David Levine
1	Ann Margaret Pell
1	Sam Shapiro
1	Ada Stein
1	Mollie Weiss
2	Benjamin Cooperman
2	Gertrude Schoeneman
2	Hyman Smith
3	Isaac Gingold
3	Cecile Schwartz
4	Joseph Meyer Lubin
5	Rose Rubinsky
6	Joseph Hyman
6	Fanny G.G. Kohn
6	Miriam Marx
8	Harold Chesky
10	Rupert Cohen
10	Fred I. Schwartz
10	Mildred Sokolow
10	Sylvia Gubin
11	Esther Malka Cohn
11	Jacob Oppleman
12	Mary Cohen
12	Samuel N. Hutner
12	Sheldon Moshinsky
13	Tauba Glietzenhaus
14	Harry Ichkowsky
14	Isadore Ichkowsky
14	Ben Yaffe
15	Ruth Feldman
15	Rose Pell
16	Essie Holtzman
17	Ida M. Cohen
18	Julius S. Behrens
18	Lillian Perlmutter
19	Nathan Feldman
20	Shirley Cohen
20	Irvin Potish
20	Isaac Winakor
21	Hannah Epstein
22	Zelig Oppleman
22	Selma Victor
23	J. Isaac Cohn
24	Abraham E. Routman
24	Dr. Alex Sorokin
25	Gilbert Barnholtz
25	Harry Eisen
26	Simon Barad
27	Anne Herrman Cohn
27	Abraham W. Spiegel
28	Samuel Nathan Cohen
28	Goldie Nagorsky
28	Bessie Silverman
28	Jerome Werner
29	Leonard B. Cohn

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Yahrzeit Of:

Joseph Pudick by Gloria and Michael Schwartz

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois cordially invites you to join community Opinion Leaders for

A Cocktail Reception

Orli Gil

Consul General of Israel to the
Midwest

An Update on Current Events in Israel and the
Middle East

Thursday, February 23, 2012
Sangamo Club (227 E. Adams)
5:15 pm Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar,
6:00 pm Program

This will be the last opportunity to hear from Ms. Gil before she returns to Israel in July. Events are always changing in Israel and the Middle East: The Arab Spring, the Unilateral Declaration of Independence by the Palestinians, Iran, Turkey, the US elections and Peace negotiations make this a most timely update.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, February 20 to
787-7223 ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org

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