



Temple Israel Bulletin

April 2023 / Nisan - Iyar 5783

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*"Temple Israel is a welcoming and vibrant center of Jewish life for our region,
l'dor vador... from generation to generation"*



Weekly Schedule

Join us for
Torah Study Fridays at NOON via Zoom;
and for in-person
Shabbat Services Fridays at 6:00pm &
Saturdays at 10:00am. Simulcast on Zoom
Requests for the recurring Zoom links can
be directed to the Temple Israel Office
admin@jewishduluth.org

For the complete
Temple Israel
Calendar
Click [HERE](#)

Office Hours

8:30am - 12:00pm
Tuesday - Friday
We are here to help
(218) 724-8857
admin@jewishduluth.org
Please remember that proof of
vaccination is required in the Temple
Israel building.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

To begin, I want to thank and congratulate Morah Andrea, our educators and volunteers for this year's Purim events. The puppet show, costume parade and carnival were a smashing success! Participation was high in energy and in numbers and is a wonderful reminder of the joy and camaraderie that can be stoked by events at temple. We had a good showing for the Megillah reading with bees, pirates and dinosaurs booing, grogger spinning and telling jokes. We also got to taste some top notch

Hamantaschen made by Debbie Freedman, Reva Polacsek, Zippy and Elyse Carter-Vosen. Thank you to our bakers and to our Mishloach Manot delivery participants! Our new front doors were installed a few weeks ago. I would suggest everyone come on by, take a look at them and let them swing wide. They look great and are a significant upgrade from a security perspective. Janet Rosen and Mike Baddin deserve our recognition for managing the project and continuing to lead our security committee, thank you both! Unfortunately the

board made the decision to cancel our second seder community event this year. We were unable to find a volunteer to lead the planning and execution of the meal so as time became short we were forced to act. It saddens me to watch a legacy event get sidelined, especially after the cancellations and isolation caused by the Covid pandemic. I will continue to prod for more involvement and engagement. Volunteering at temple is the only way we will be able to continue programming and offer our membership a vibrant community, it feels good to be there and participate. I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous Pesach!

Bart

📣 Calling all USHERS! 📣

We are looking for congregants to sign up as ushers for Shabbat services. ANY Temple Israel member can usher, you need not be a board member. Click on the link below to sign up for a date or 2!

[Sign up to USHER HERE](#)

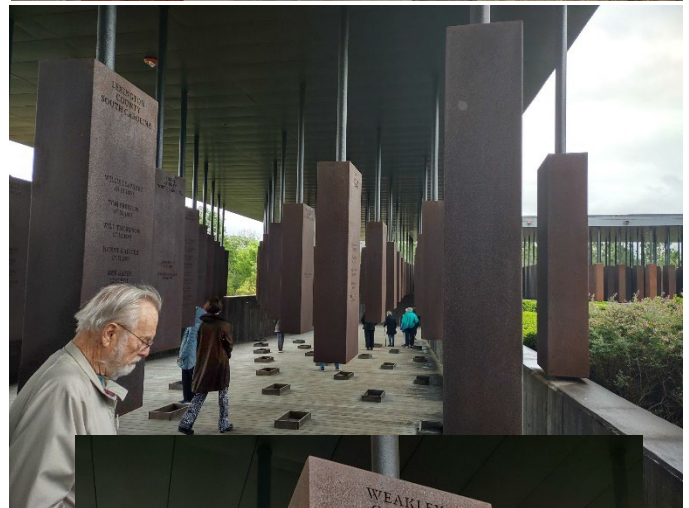
FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

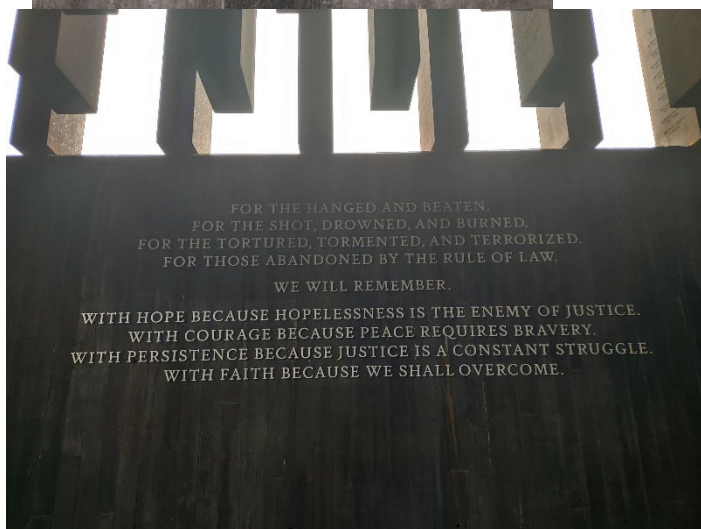
From Thursday, March 16th through Sunday, March 19th, I participated in a group of over 200 people (including approximately 20 rabbis) in a Reconstructionist movement tour of sites in Georgia and Alabama connected with the history of the Civil Rights Movement. Reconstructing Judaism called this event “Reckoning Together: A Reconstructionist Pilgrimage Towards Racial Justice.” Indeed, we were repeatedly advised, and rightly so, that we were not just “tourists” but “pilgrims” as we visited such sacred sites as:

- The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama (aka “the lynching memorial”)
- The Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery
- The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama

- The burial site of Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King in Atlanta.

Here are a few photographs from the trip that were either taken by or shared with me.







It was a tremendously moving experience and not an easy one. [The lynching memorial and the associated "Legacy Museum" nearby](#) bear witness to the experience of Black people in this country who were enslaved for centuries, and then continued to be tortured, threatened, tyrannized and murdered during the decades that followed. The Legacy Museum in particular makes the explicit connection between these

earlier eras and the systemic racism that still exists in aspects of American society today. While I was visiting these sites, I viscerally felt the same as I had felt when visiting Yad Vashem in Jerusalem or the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The dehumanization of Black people during the eras of slavery and Jim Crow included deaths in the millions, just as did the 20th century genocide of European Jewry. And the after-effects remain with us today.

(By the way, a [radio documentary](#) produced by Temple member Robin Washington is of interest here. It talks about the infamous Clayton-Jackson-McGhie lynching that took place here in Duluth --- as well as the experience of the Duluth delegation who travelled to Alabama for the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in 2018.)

Those gut-wrenching visits on Friday morning were countered by the more hopeful and inspiring visit we made on Friday afternoon to the Rosa Parks Museum, and by the experience the following morning of visiting (and walking over) the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. While in Selma we met with [Joanne Bland](#), who, as a teenager took part in the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery in support of voting rights. And on Sunday morning we visited the Martin Luther King birthplace and nearby burial site, followed by attending the Sunday morning service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, with the Reverend (and U.S. Senator) Raphael Warnock presiding.

Shabbat was not ignored by our group. We had a beautiful and spirited Shabbat evening service and Shabbat dinner in our hotel in Montgomery. (I was given the honor of leading Birkat Hamazon), and Shabbat lunch the next day at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama, where we were joined after lunch by another giant of the Civil Rights struggle, [Reverend Calvin Wallace Woods](#).

The Mishnah (Pesachim 10:4) sets out the general principle that at our Passover seders, when it comes time to tell our story of liberation
מִתְחִיל בְּגוֹת וּמֵסִים בְּשִׁבַּח (*matchil bignoot*

umesayem beshevach)/ one “begins with disgrace and concludes with glory”.

Just as our ancestors’ Exodus from ancient Egypt millennia ago did not represent the end point of the process of liberation, neither (by a long shot) did the Emancipation of enslaved Black people in the United States bring a complete victory against racial injustice. The full experience of glory remains elusive. Even acknowledging the blessings we enjoy and the progress that has been achieved, the challenge offered in the traditional text of the Passover Haggadah remains:

הַשְׁתָּא עֲבָדִי, לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בְּנֵי חוֹרִין
(*Hashata avdej, l’shanah habaah b’nei chorin*)
“Now we are enslaved. Next year may we be free.”

I wish all of us a sweet and meaningful Passover.

Chag Sam’each / Happy Passover
Rabbi David Steinberg
rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

It began with a few simple questions: Frogs are pretty cool, right? So why did God choose frogs as one of the plagues he set upon Pharaoh?

Then the brainstorming ensued. What do frogs look like? What do frogs do? What do frogs eat? Where do frogs live? How in the heck did they get to the desert?

With a supply of descriptions and ideas from our students, music teacher Danny Frank composed a song about the frog’s “true role” in the Passover story. You may be surprised by it. Danny, our students and teachers recently recorded the song. As I write this, Danny is in the process of making it into a video. You’ll be able to watch it on Danny’s You Tube channel soon. Watch for us to send out the link during Passover.



And for anyone who wants to revisit the Passover video our teachers created for students when COVID-19 shut down in-person learning in 2020, here's that link: [The Passover Plot \(TI Duluth\) - YouTube](#).

Andrea Buck
Education Director

The Congregational Second Night Seder scheduled for Thursday, April 6th has been CANCELED.

We are unable to find someone willing to undertake the task of organizing and preparing this meal. We do understand that for some in our congregation this was the only Seder they attended each year.

We will do our best to match people for home hospitality, if you would like to join a seder or if you have extra room at your seder table, please contact the Temple Office by [email](#) or [\(218\)724-8857](tel:2187248857).

While we will be having the kitchen cleaned prior to Passover, we will not be making the Temple Israel Kitchen Kosher for Passover. We will provide some light, pre-packaged, Kosher for Passover items for the oneg & kiddush lunch on April 7th & 8th. All items will be stored out of the kitchen and served on single use plates & utensils.

A Message to the Temple Israel community from Pastor Robyn Weaver of Glen Avon Presbyterian Church.

Dear Friends of Temple Israel,
The trial for the man who shot and killed many at the Tree of Life Synagogue, in my home community of Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, will begin soon. The jury is being selected and the community there is preparing for this important but heart wrenching trial. Wounds will be reopened. Hearts will be torn again. Weeping will be heard. I know I will join the

voices of many asking how can such a thing happen? Might some help come in finally finishing this piece to the puzzle of the harm and grief? As that community gathers to support each other and hold on to the work that has taken place for healing, their expressed wish is that somehow meaning may come out of this horrific event. We at Glen Avon will be lighting candles to honor those lost in the shooting. I hope you will join us in holding these dear and courageous friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your years of friendship. I am grateful for the work we do together for healing and hope here in Duluth and beyond.

Shalom.

Pastor Robyn Weaver
Glen Avon Presbyterian Church

How to have a Passover Seder at home

Click [HERE](#) for MyJewishLearning.com's take on having a seder. Or find many resources on their [Passover 2023](#) page.

Our next Learners' Luncheons will be:



AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

CHUM - given by a representative



"The American Healthcare system from the Perspective of Jewish Ethics" given by Ben Yokel

Dates to be determined.

ZOOM Shabbat Services

Have you tried to join in Zoom Shabbat Services and found yourself with a poor quality and frustrating connection? We have been working diligently to improve your Zoom Services experience! We have worked out some quirks and invite you to give it a try again if you aren't able to join us in-person in the sanctuary. If you need the link or experience difficulties with Zoom, please contact the [Temple Israel Office](#).

New in the Temple Israel Library

There are always new books arriving in the Library.
Click the button below for a full list of the recently
added  

[NEW in the Library](#)



I am putting together a group of musicians who are interesting in playing liturgical music during a shabbat service. I have recently learned to play the guitar and have learned a few songs to play during a service. If you are interested, please call me or email me. The first shabbat we will play at will be April 21st. Beginners welcome!! We will have a few practices before then and I can send out the music I know so far.

Kathy Levine
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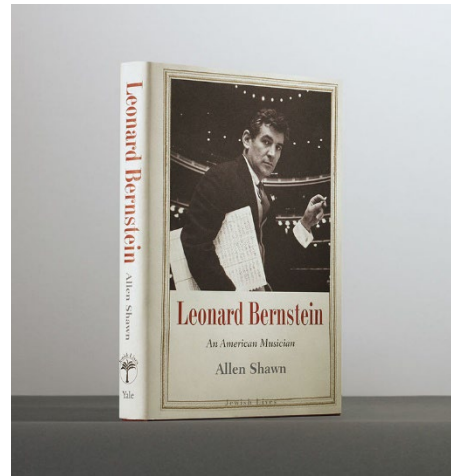
Remember those in care facilities

Carol Cohen, The Pines Three
Paul King, St Ann's
Rochelle Rubin, Benedictine Health Center
Barb Russ, BeeHive Homes
Aaron Glazman, Edgewood Vista
Harriet Pearlman, Bayshore Health Center
Edward Shanblott, Benedictine – Marywood

Yom Hashoah



Our annual Yom Hashoah/
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Service will take place
Monday, April 17th at 6:00pm.



JEWISH LIVES SERIES DINNER PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Please join us for pizza and conversation on selected Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We'll discuss selected volumes from the Yale University Press "Jewish Lives" series and review some related videos and podcasts.

Click on the links next to each date below for book purchase information and additional material around the topic: podcast, video, and/or reading guide.

Thank you to those that attended the March 23rd installment on Emma Goldman. And thank you to Alexis Pogorelskin for donating these books to our Temple Israel library. Zoom link is available from the Office (NOT the same as our Shabbat Services link) but you only get pizza if you show up in person!

April 27 --- [Leonard Bernstein: An American Musician by Allan Shawn](#)

Please RSVP for the April 27 event [HERE](#) or contact the Temple Israel office by [email](#) or [phone](#).

May 18 --- [Houdini: The Elusive American by Adam Begley](#)

June 15 --- [Julius Rosenwald: Repairing the World by Hasia R. Diner](#)

(More information about the Jewish Lives series at <https://www.jewishlives.org/>)

Special Guest Shabbat Speaker

Join us for Shabbat Service on **Friday, April 21st** when we welcome Charlie Orsak. The title of his talk is: *How to Help Kids Cope with Climate Change: Informed by Faith and Science*. It focuses on the intersection of moral and scientific imperatives in addressing climate change, how children are particularly vulnerable to climate change, how to help children cope, and steps families can take together.

Book Group

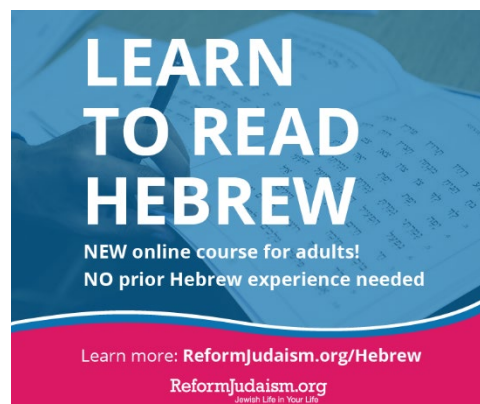


THE PRISON MINYAN by Jonathan Stone will be the next book to discuss. All are invited to attend even if you have not read the book. This will be our first in-person meeting since Covid. Please take a covid test and come healthy so we can be in-person more often. Discussion will be Sunday, June 4, 12:30 pm at the home of Tom and Pam Griggs.



ROUND UP FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

It's the start of the new calendar year, which means dues invoices will be mailed to Temple members in January. The Temple Fundraising Committee is reminding Temple members of the opportunity to "round up" at any amount when paying your 2023 dues. Member invoices and statements will denote where you can identify the amount you'd like to "round up" - and add that amount to your payment. This is just one of the simple, yet effective ways to financially support Temple and the Board's fundraising goal for 2023. No cooking, no volunteer hours, no shlepping - just a few extra bucks donated when paying dues. In 2022 this simple, yet effective fundraiser generated \$780 that directly contributed to the Committee's goal and meet the Board's budget. Nice job, Members. Let's do it again.



Get started with the *aleph-bet!*

Familiarity with Hebrew can be a key to feeling at home in the Jewish community. Learn the shapes and sounds of the Hebrew alphabet, with a warm and supportive educator to guide you and a group of classmates for practicing together. Recognize and understand common Hebrew words and phrases that are often heard in Reform congregations and in Jewish prayer. Perfect for Introduction to Judaism alumni and other adults, this course assumes no prior Hebrew experience.

This course has been developed specifically for online learning, and is taught by experienced educators. Live sessions meet weekly over video conferencing. Participants are given access to online course materials and a link to purchase workbook.

Tuition: \$225

Scholarship assistance is available for Temple Israel members.

TEMPLE ISRAEL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

(revised March 10, 2022)

- **Anyone AGE 5 OR OVER must be fully vaccinated.**
- **Anyone AGE 12 OR OVER must have a booster when eligible to be considered fully vaccinated.**
- Mask wearing is OPTIONAL.
- Six feet of social distancing is recommended, except for households and "pods" of fully vaccinated persons.
- Services are simulcast on Zoom, there will be no screen sharing of the prayer book. However, members may borrow or purchase prayer books and links for free downloads on your own personal devices

can be found in our weekly "TTW" ("Temple This Week") email updates or by contacting the Temple office.

- Please be sure to check the health screening questionnaire posted at the building entrance. All attendees are required to review the questions and, if the answer to any question is "yes," should leave the building. We rely on attendees to individually review the questions and to be honest in their answers.
- We are maximizing efforts to maintain good air quality and recommend everyone get vaccinated.

Siddur at home

Unless otherwise indicated, all our worship services are held in person and simulcast on Zoom.

However, the siddurim (prayerbooks) are not screen-shared. Temple members may borrow copies of the siddurim that we use at Temple for your home use. Please contact the Temple office if you wish to do so. The Temple Israel office can be reached at 218-724-8857

or office@jewishduluth.org

If you wish to view online versions of the various siddurim on a separate device while "Zooming" into Shabbat services, here are the links that will enable you to do so:

- For Saturday morning services: [HERE](#)
- For Friday evening services (other than family shabbat services): [HERE](#) and then click on the cover of the first book listed on that page (i.e., the Shabbat only version)
- For the monthly "Family Service" (first Friday of each month): Click [HERE](#)

If you would like to purchase your own copies of the various siddurim, here are the links that will enable you to do so:

For Saturday morning services: Click [HERE](#)

For Friday evening services (other than family shabbat services): Click [HERE](#)

The siddur for the monthly "Family Service" (first Friday of each month) is out of print but some used copies for sale might be available at these links:

- Version with transliteration: [HERE](#)
- Version without transliteration: [HERE](#)

Mazel Tov

MAZEL TOV to Dr. Erin Aldridge for being awarded the UW System's Teaching Excellence Award. This award is the highest honor by UW System for faculty. You can read more about it [HERE](#).



Todah Rabbah

- To Sheryl, Marko & Nicole for the group effort making the "Super-Size" oneg for the Megillah reading.
- To Debbie Freedman, Reva Polacsek, Zippy and Elyse Carter-Vosen for baking hamentashen.
- To all of those that delivered mishloach manot.
- To the teenagers that came in to help with the Purim Celebration.
- To Alexis Pogorelskin, Ben Yokel, Rabbi Brian Serle, and Chris King for leading services and Torah Study while Rabbi David was away.
- To Marti M. & Mike G. for helping to iron out issues and improve the Zoom experience.
- To all those that have signed up to usher in March: Bart Polacsek, Allyz Kramer Polacsek, Chris King, Mike Grossman, Jill Cornwell, and Pam Griggs.

Please send your submissions to the Mazel Tov or Todah Rabbah sections to admin@jewishduluth.org

Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

March 31 & April 1 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36)		April 7 & 8 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Chag HaMatzot (Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25)	
April 14 & 15 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)	April 21 & 22 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Tazria-Metzora (Leviticus 12:1-15:33)	April 28 & 29 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Achrei Mot-Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1-20:27)	



Donations

02/26/23 – 03/30/23

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Linda Glaser & John Herold In memory of Sterling Devine

Benton/Goldfine Library Fund

Anonymous In memory of Manley Goldfine
Ken Goldfine In memory of Manley Goldfine

Cemetery Fund

Dick & Diane Gould In memory of Dick Freimuth
Dick & Diane Gould In memory Reine Freimuth
Anne Scherer In memory of Ester Livenstein
Anonymous In memory of Manley Goldfine

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Janet & Steve Rosen In memory of Barb Russ

Endowment Fund

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In thanks for those that sent

In memory of Barney Rich

In memory of Louis Witkin

In honor of Torah Study Group

In memory of Barb Russ

In memory of Beatrice & Irvin

In memory of Beatrice & Irvin

In memory of Beatrice & Irvin

In memory of Shirley Levine

In memory of Leon Latz

In memory of Bella Glazman

In memory of Ida Falk

In memory of Eddie Jaffe

In memory of Semyon Frumin

In memory of Lisa Abrahams

In memory of Barb Russ

In memory of Gail Shapiro

In memory of Harry Bear

In memory of Bernard Cohen

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