

Temple Israel Bulletin February 2024 / Shevat – Adar1 5784

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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 <u>admin@jewishduluth.org</u> For the complete Temple Israel Calendar Click <u>HERE</u>

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

While our Duluth winter remains relatively benign the unexpected crashing of our computer network at Temple Israel was a harsh way to bring in 2024. As of this writing we are fully up and functional again and I dare say in much better shape to weather our IT needs today and in the future. A great thanks to Nicole Widdes for shepherding the transition to our new vendor TSC and to Seth and his team for their ability to power us up so quickly. This week Janet Rosen, Mike Baddin and myself met with Glen Sanders from the Department of Homeland Security who was kind enough to travel up to Duluth and assess our facility. The security committee will review Glen's findings and we will implement as many physical and operational upgrades as possible to ensure the health and safety of our members, staff and visitors. To that end, I would make a call out to the congregation for all those willing to usher for a Friday evening or Saturday morning service in the coming months. With many of our 'go to' ushers gone for the winter, we could use some new volunteers to step up. It is a great way to meet folks and get out of the house! Thanks to all of our members who participated in the meal served at the Warming Center on January 11th it certainly upholds our mission of Tikkun Olam. That very same night our temple board met and welcomed our new members. We have a great set of trustees who

are dedicated to fostering the growth and sustainability of our congregation. I look forward to bringing their ideas to fruition and welcome input from our members. Our annual Tu B'shevat seder was a success! Thanks to the Sheryl Grana and the team who put together the food and prepared the seder plates! Every year I seem to ask myself why I forget to eat more dates. My family got to spend the weekend after the seder in the north woods and making the connection to the responsible stewardship of our planet was realized as we skied through the towering pines. As you will hear from Rabbi David, he will be leaving for Israel in late February for his Sabbatical. We wish him a safe and wondrous journey and look forward to his return. Thank you to Mike Grossman for his efforts in securing the continuation of programming and services and to all those who will be stepping into roles they may or may not be accustomed to playing. It takes a village. Hope to see you all soon at temple. Bart

🕅 Hi! YOU would be a great USHER! 🔊

We are looking for congregants to sign up as ushers for Shabbat services. Click on the link

below to sign up for a date or 2! Sign-up open through June 2024.

Sign up to USHER HERE

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

This year most of the month of February coincides with the Jewish "leap month" of Adar 1. In most years the Jewish calendar, just like the secular calendar. has twelve months. However, the Jewish month is based on the cycles of the moon, which goes through its phases from new moon to new moon in approximately 29 and a half days, a bit less than the typical secular calendar month. The result is that, if there were no adjustments made, the holidays of the Jewish calendar would "fall back" by around eleven days each year. If that were the case, then ultimately we would end up dislodging Passover from the Spring planting season or Sukkot from the Fall harvesting season as experienced in the land of Israel. For our ancestors and for us, that would be intolerable because of Judaism's fundamental connection with Eretz Yisra'el.

Accordingly, during seven years out of every nineteen-year cycle, we add an extra month to the Jewish calendar. Regular old "Adar" (the month in which we celebrate Purim) becomes "Adar 2" and an extra month is stuck in before it and designated "Adar 1." That's the Hebrew calendar month we'll be entering this year as of sundown on February 9th.

Our holiday cycle is held in abeyance during this extra month – we celebrate Shabbat each week of Adar 1 as normal, but Purim waits for the "real" Adar, i.e., Adar 2. Traditionally, a Jewish year like this one with the extra "leap month" in it is called מעוברת שנה / shanah me'uberet – a "pregnant year."

I was well into adulthood, in fact if I remember correctly, it was not even until after I finished rabbinical school, that I first learned that it was Adar 1, not Adar 2, that was our Jewish leap month. That seemed counter-intuitive to me. After all, on our secular calendar, during leap years (like 2024), "Leap Day" is February 29th, not the 28th of February that precedes it. Why the difference? Why during a Jewish shanah me'uberet is the "real" Adar the second Adar and not the first Adar? We find the answer in the Talmud, where the sages are arguing about whether to celebrate Purim during Adar 1 or Adar 2 in a leap year. On the one hand, we have a general principle in Judaism that we should avail ourselves of the opportunity to do any mitzvah at the earliest opportunity. However, with the case of Purim during a leap year, Jewish tradition teaches that it's preferable to have it in Adar 2 so that it remains closer in time to Passover - i.e., so that Passover is always in the month adjacent to the month in which we celebrate Purim.

Why? Because, in the words of the Talmud, מְסְמְךָ גְּאוּלָה לְגָאוּלָה עָדִיף (mismach ge'ulah lige'ulah adif) – "**juxtaposing** [the celebration of one] **redemption** [i.e., Purim] **to** [the celebration of another] **redemption** [i.e. Passover] **is preferable.**[1]

The Polish-born American Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner (1906-1980), in his commentary known as "Pachad Yitzchak" memorably expands upon this idea. In essence, he teaches that the close juxtaposition of Purim to Passover (even in leap years) reminds us that the presence of God in our lives sometimes seems hidden -- as in the Book of Esther, which doesn't mention God. And it sometimes seems dramatically overt -- as in the account of the Exodus from Egypt that we read in the Torah and in the Passover Haggadah. But, in either case, and at all times, God (however we might understand God) remains a force in our lives.

(For more on that topic see this text study prepared by Rabbi Gabe Greenberg, the Hillel director at my alma mater the University of Pennsylvania: <u>https://www.sefaria.org/sheets/15</u> <u>7860?lang=en</u>)

I won't be with all of you in person this year for either of those "redemptive" celebrations. Instead, I'll be in Israel for a threemonth sabbatical, where I'll be living in Jerusalem and studying Talmud at the <u>Fuchsberg Center</u>. But let me wish you all in advance a Happy Purim and a Happy Passover. And I especially want to express my appreciation to Mike Grossman who has been taking charge of insuring coverage of Temple worship services and programming during my upcoming absence, and to everyone who will be stepping up to volunteer as needed, and, in general, to our congregation for affording me this opportunity for spiritual, intellectual and physical renewal for which I am very grateful.

L'shalom, Rabbi David Steinberg rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org

[1] Megillah 6b

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

Much has transpired since our last bulletin article: We celebrated two holidays with special programming (Hanukkah and Tu B'Shevat), conducted another two months of religious/Judaic studies and Hebrew classes, hired a Hebrew teacher and are preparing for Rabbi David's upcoming sabbatical and absence from our school by hiring another Hebrew teacher....

As captain of this Temple Israel Religious School/Ida Cook Hebrew School ship, I very easily can get mired in all the details, especially the challenging parts. Or I can revel in the joyful Judaism our students, teachers, parents and I are creating. I choose revelry, even if Purim isn't coming up until next month. Feel free to revel in some of these moments with me.









Looking ahead in February, we are following Duluth Public Schools' mid-winter break. So there are no classes Saturday Feb. 17, Wednesday, Feb. 21 or and Saturday, Feb. 24. Have a nice break.





Andrea Novel Buck Youth Education Director anbuck@jewishduluth.org (218) 302-3203

Rabbi's Sabbatical Roundup

As you may already know, Rabbi David will avail himself of a well-earned Sabbatical this year. Starting in just a few weeks, he will spend three months in Jerusalem, studying Talmud at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, and otherwise reinvigorating his physical and spiritual being.

This notice is to let you all know what you can expect as we carry on in Rabbi's absence.

Our goal is to offer the full suite of Rabbinic services while he is gone. We have recruited congregation members and, with Rabbi David's assistance, connections with other congregations to fill his various roles.

The first thing I want you to know is that while we will do our best to keep our schedules consistent, some things will not be able to be nailed down before Rabbi leaves, and of course, some things may change after we set them up. So *it will be critical for you to watch the weekly TTW* for current information about when and where things will be. Further clarification below.

Here's what we know/expect at this time:

- Chris King and Neil Glazman have agreed to perform, god forbid, funerals, with rabbinic backup from the Twin Cities if needed.
- Tina Alcala Sales and Deb Carroll will share the mitzvah of visiting members in the hospital and nursing homes.
- Changes in our education program for B'nai Mitzvah and Hay Hebrew class will be announced by Youth Education Director Andrea Buck.
- During the sabbatical, there will not be zoom Torah study at noon on Friday. Instead, Torah study will be conducted inperson at Temple every Saturday morning, starting at 9:15. We're working on making zoom access to these sessions also available, assuming logistics can be worked out.

• We plan to provide worship opportunities on every Shabbat - both Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, as well as additional three special services.

Plans for Shabbat services are and will remain in flux. We expect mixture of in-person, congregant led services, and zoom services at other congregations who have graciously offered to host us when needed.

The mix of in-person and zoom services, and specific dates of each will not be finalized before Rabbi leaves. Our goal is to have as many inperson services as possible. At this time, we have all Friday night services covered in-person, but several Saturday morning services are not covered. And, in fact, the Saturday morning schedule won't be set until the beginning of the prior month: In February we'll set March, in March we'll set April, and in April we'll set May. *This is one reason that Bulletin and TTW communications will be critical to the success of our Sabbatical coverage*.

For those weeks that we do not have congregant in-person led services, we will provide a link to zoom into another congregation, which you will be able to join from your homes.

However, one thought at this time is to stream zoom services at Temple on the big screen in the Social Hall, (as well as to make the links available for individual home attendance). With both interest and logistics to clarify, the decision as to whether to actually offer this is still in the future.

To that end, I'd appreciate your feedback. Would you be interested in attending zoom services in community with fellow congregants? Would you be willing to travel to Temple to do so? Would you stay for zoomed services if you came to Torah study that morning? Either Nicole or I will be happy to have your answers.

So this may be another very important schedule thing that would be communicated via TTW weekly: Will there be services at Temple this Saturday? If you would be interested in leading a service and have not been asked, please contact the Office or myself directly!

The full schedule of in-person services, as far as is known at that time, will be published in the TTW of February 15 and February 22, and thereafter in the monthly Temple Bulletin. After that, weekly TTWs will carry the coming week's schedule, and any future changes from the previously published schedule.

Right now, I can tell you that there will be inperson services both Friday evening, February 23, led by Chris King, and Saturday morning, February 24, led by Linda Eason.

Timing of Shabbat services will not change during the Sabbatical.

Special services will include Purim Party and Megillah reading on March 23 organized by Kathy Levine, already being announced in the Bulletin and TTW, second night Passover Seder led by Neil Glazman on April 23, and Yom HaShoah service led by Deborah Petersen-Perlman on May 6.

Thanks are due to those who have stepped forward to cover one or another activity during Rabbi David's absence. They are: Neil Glazman and Chris King, funerals; Tina Alcala-Sales and Deb Carrol, caring visits ; Tina Alcla-Sales, Linda Eason, and Sheryl Grana, Torah study leaders; Elyse Carter-Vosen, Holly Church, Linda Eason, Danny Frank, Sue Ginsburg, Elizabeth Kaplan, Chris King, Gary Latz, Asher McLoughlin, Marti Mullen, Allyz Kramer Polacsek, and Mark Weitz, Shabbat service leaders; Neil Glazman, Deborah Petersen-Perlamn and Ben Yokel, special service leaders; and Kathy Levine, special event organizer.

We'll plan to keep updating you on Sabbatical plans as often as needed. I'm sure a certain amount of "bearing with" will be necessary sometimes during the three months of Rabbi's absence, and thank you all in advance for your understanding. Shalom, Mike Grossman



Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

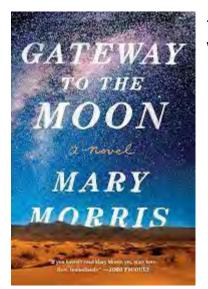
Everyone is buzzing about this year's Magillah reading and Dance Party! Here's the scoop. March 23rd.

6-7-- Family Magillah with Ben Yokel 7-10—Adult Purim Party.

The party is featuring music by the Blue Water Big Band, which if you haven't heard them, are a fabulous 14 piece dance band. Also featuring a costume contest MC'd by our very own Danny Friedman-- with prizes!! The party is a chance for our Temple community to come together and have a great time. There is no charge, BYOB, appetizers will be provided.

The party organizer (AKA Kathy Levine) has gotten some awesome volunteer help, but it still seeking some folks to bring an appetizer, sign up to be a greeter for a short time, or donate a little money to the cause. If you would like to contribute your time or money, contact Kathy by phone, text message, or email. Checks can be made out to Temple Israel and mailed to Kathy or dropped off at Temple. A special account has been established for this event. If you have friends who like to dance, bring them along!

Let's make this the best party ever!!



The Temple Book Club will discuss GATEWAY TO THE MOON by Mary Morris via zoom on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm CST. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. For the Zoom link, please contact Marti Mullen through the Temple Directory.

Remember those in care facilities

Carol Cohen, The Pines Three Paul King, St Ann's Rochelle Rubin, Benedictine Health Center Aaron Glazman, Edgewood Vista Harriet Pearlman, Viewcrest Health Center Isabell Tusin - Superior Rehabilitation Center the power of being part of a <u>diverse</u> Jewish community.

SPECIAL OFFER: Foundation for Jewish Camp has established an incentive program at Camp Havaya for new campers from small Jewish communities like Duluth. First-time campers can receive up to **\$1,500 off tuition for two summers** – that's as much as 25% off! And Havaya provides additional financial aid and free airfare for first-timers. Reach out to Hello@CampHavaya.org for more details!

Camp Havaya is the official summer camp of the Reconstructionist Movement.

Camp Scholarship

If you are interested in applying for scholarship for your child to attend Jewish Summer camp, please use <u>THIS FORM</u>.

ZOOM Shabbat Services

If you need the link or experience difficulties with Zoom, please contact the **Temple Israel Office**.

BE YOU, BOLDLY

Camp Havaya is all about the joy of summer camp with the freedom to be who you truly are. In this incredibly diverse and welcoming community, all kids—no matter their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, or Jewish background—are more than welcomed. They're celebrated! Campers from across North America swim, climb, sing, create, explore, play, and discover what being Jewish means to them; their different experiences and perspectives are a big part of what makes Havaya so amazing. 2, 3, and 4-week sessions (and Family Camp!) in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

Want to get a feeling for what makes Camp Havaya so special? The campers say it best! Check them out in this <u>video</u>, watch all the<u>fun</u> they have every day, and hear them talk about

Tu B'Shevat Seder







Please consider baking extra for the Temple Israel freezers. Items can be brought in when you come for Shabbat services or Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm.

Siddurim 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:

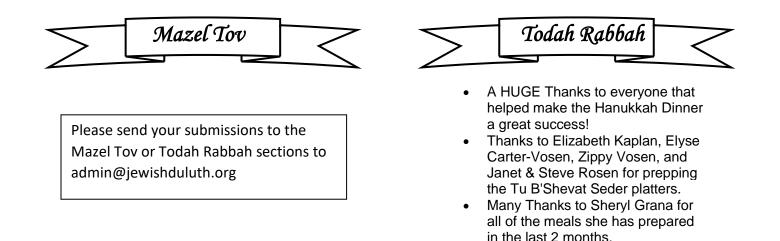
- For Saturday morning services: HERE
- For the monthly "Family Service" (first Friday of each month): Click <u>HERE</u>
- Unfortunately, the free online version of our regular Friday evening siddur, Mishkan T'fila, is no longer available. But you can still purchase a copy (see below) or Temple members can borrow a copy from the Temple office.

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 <u>HERE</u>
- 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:

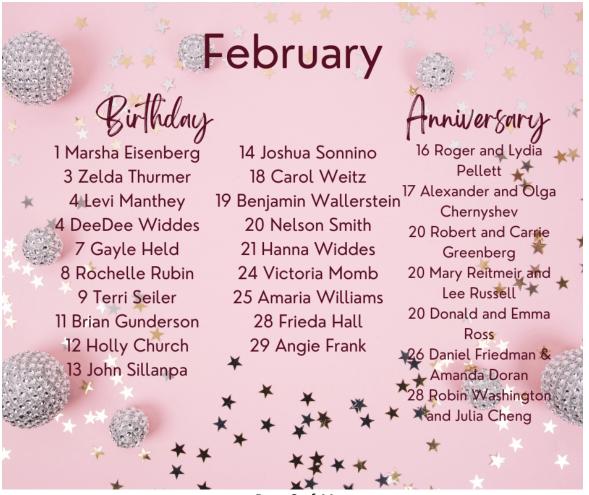
- Version with transliteration: <u>HERE</u>
- Version without transliteration: <u>HERE</u>



Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

Feb 2 & 3 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:26) Feb 9 & 10 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom -Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18) Feb 16 & 17 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom -Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19)

Feb 23 & 24 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom -Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10)



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