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| Temple Bulletin, June 2019  |
| “Temple Israel is a welcoming and vibrant center of Jewish life for our region, l’dor vador... from generation to generation”  |

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| **AT A GLANCE****Calendar** [Message from the President](https://app.icontact.com/icp/core/compose/message/edit/?iMessageId=391739&token=ce1f2b8bfd7defef7d76abe8b1d85d3a#messagefrompresident)[From the Rabbi's Study](https://app.icontact.com/icp/core/compose/message/edit/?iMessageId=391739&token=ce1f2b8bfd7defef7d76abe8b1d85d3a#fromtherabbisstudy)[News from the Hebrew and Religious Schools](https://app.icontact.com/icp/core/compose/message/edit/?iMessageId=391739&token=ce1f2b8bfd7defef7d76abe8b1d85d3a#ReligiousSchool)[Future Events](https://app.icontact.com/icp/core/compose/message/edit/?iMessageId=391739&token=ce1f2b8bfd7defef7d76abe8b1d85d3a#futureevents)Birthdays and Anniversaries |

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| **Shabbat schedule** **All Shabbat evening services start on Friday at 6:00 p.m.**  **Shabbat morning Torah Study starts on Saturday at 9:15 a.m.****All Shabbat morning services start on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** |
| https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/5e538bcd8053bc9b933fb1b4084e9af8.jpeg**Our condolences go out to the family and friends of****Adam Slonim, grandson of Temple member****Dorothy Slonim** **and son of** **Alan Slonim,****who passed away on May 9, 2019.** |

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| https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/6cf4994272156bc4ca252da9d92f8a72.jpeg**TALL SHIPS** **ARE COMING!**  **Temple Israel will pop the popcorn to celebrate!**  **We will again be selling fresh hot popcorn to the thousands of guests visiting the festival of ships** **August** **11, 12 and 13** **(Sun, Mon and Tue)  Please call or email Jack Seiler at jack@jackhseiler****.com** **This is the** **one BIG fundraiser of the year****for temple and is also a fun event to work and schmooz with fellow temple members!** **You are all invited to help!** We need to staff all 3 days from 9-5!  See you there!   If you are helping **sell Popcorn** at the **Tall Ships event** please swing by the Temple parking lot on... **Monday night, July 22, between 7-8 PMto get your passes and instructions.** **This will be a drive-thru. Super fast and easy!** Just drive-in and pick up! Jack Seiler will have everything ready for you. **See you at the Temple Israel parking lot on Monday Night the 22nd, 7- 8 PM!** If you would like to volunteer to help, we can use a few more folks so come on down! Thanks,Jack Seiler |
| https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/d4531d50de111f8089ca28f4e4e2e293.jpegMost **Tuesdays**, Volunteers are meeting to attend to the**Butterfly** **Garden**, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. **Please feel free** **to join us.**  |

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| **Yahrzeits for the month of June** **During services, we are changing the notifications to precede the Yahrzeit date rather than follow.**  **Harry Bergal** father of Lyle Bergal 05/18/2010  **Morris Feldman** father-in-law of Joan Bischoff 05/19/1958  **Gary Gordon** wife of Judy Gordon and father of Andrea Chartier and son-in-law of Carol Cohen 05/30/2012  **Goldie R. Cohen** aunt of Mark Cohen 06/09/1995  **Bernice Cohen** mother of Mark Cohen 05/18/1999  **Harry Davis** father of Steve Davis 05/25/2017 **Ann Cherson** grandmother of Neil and Charles Glazman 06/14/2001 **Charles Goldberg** father of Tracy Goman 06/05/2002 **Sandy Gordon** mother-in-law of Judy Gordon 06/10/1985 **Annabelle and Savannah Gurovitsch** daughters of Charity and Sam Gurovitschand granddaughters of Sharyl Gurovitsch 06/22/2008 **Terry Litman** brother of Sharyl Gurovitsch 05/15/2002  **George Silvers** father of Judith Karon 06/21/1971 **Charlotte Warshaw** mother of Judith Karon 05/26/1993 **Beverly King** mother of Robert King05/27/1993**Bernie Bernstein** friend of Jack Krenzen 06/04/2013 **Daniel Kasle** uncle of Robert Leff 05/20/2004 **Dorothy Goldstein** aunt of Susan Mack 06/17/1981  **Sherman Orensten** father of Lloyd Orensten 06/12/2006 **Everett Perlman** father of Jim Perlman 06/06/2001  **Bessie Hyman** grandmother of Jack Seiler 06/03/1966 **Marcia Levison** mother of Jack Shapiro 06/04/1985  **Burton Shapiro** father of Leslie Shapiro 06/09/1989 **Jean Birkenstein Washington** mother of Robin Washington 06/28/2003 **Rose Lees** Aunt of Judith Cohen Sivan 15  **Ben Ostroviak** father of Judtih Cohen Sivan 21 **Abraham Prober** grandfather of Steve DavisSivan 6  **Gloria Gelb** mother of Andrea GelbSivan 11 **Max Grossman** uncle of Michael Grossman Sivan 11  **Ruth Greenblatt** sister of Lois Joffee Sivan 2 **Nancy Kieffer** mother of Howard KeifferSivan 22 **Harry Lerman** father of Essie Samuels Sivan 24 **Gertrude Stitt** mother of Barbara Segal Iyyar 27  **Ruth Greenblatt** mother Stuart Seiler Sivan 2 **Bessie Hyman** grandmother of Jack Seiler Sivan 15  **Lorraine Shamblott**mother of Rob and Richard Shamblott Sivan 14 **Beverly Steinberg** mother of David Steinberg Sivan 21 **Herschel Caplan** father of DeeDee Widdes Sivan 3 **Anna Singer** grandmother of Susan Winthrop Sivan 4**JUNE Birthdays** 1 - Alexander ChernyshevEmma Ross2- Bob Greenberg3 – Adam Apter4 - Roger Pellett5 - John Goldfine6 - Bart Polacsek7 - Margi Preus8 - Joe Rosenzweig10 - Sam BlackShirley WitkinDaniel Hannah11 - Scott Hall13- Misha Kahn14 - Abigail Vosen15 - Bea LeveyNadia SwoverlandZipporah Vosen17 – Joel Weiner19 – Casey Goldberg20 - Jennifer Pearson21 - Susan Rees22 - Larry Blunt24 – Andria Kaplan25 - Mike Grossman27 - Andrea Buck28 - Kai HoffmanPauline Brizer30 - Danny FrankTheresa Neo **Please call the office if we missed your birthday or anniversary****JUNE Anniversaries**4 - Jack and Cindy Seiler5 - Chris and Dan King7 - Linda Glaser and John Herold11 - Deborah Petersen Perlman and Jim Perlman12 - Ingrid and Gunner Johnson13 - Howard and Lynn Krenzen15 - Deborah Freedman and Peter Wodrich18 – Andria and Doug Kaplan19 - David and Kate SieglerAndy Niemyer and Lisa Abrahams |

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|  **Please call or email** the office if we missed your birthday or anniversary or have wrong or missing  data of any kind.  Our database is being upated. Thank you!admin@jewishduluth.org218-724-8857  |
| Temple Israel1602 E Second StreetDuluth, MN 55812218 724-8857[www.JewishDuluth.org](http://www.JewishDuluth.org) Send news articles to admin@jewishduluth.org by the 18th for next month's bulletin. **Please note, the next issue will be a combined July/August issue.**  |

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| **Remember those in care facilities**    Dorothy Slonim - Benedictine Health Center    Barbara Segal - BeeHive Homes  |

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|  **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**  |
| I cannot believe how fast this year is going. Last weekend was the official end of Hebrew andReligious school. I would like to thank Andrea Buck and our entire staff of teachers and helpersfor another great year.  I would also like to thank all the parents for getting your kids to school every week and to all the kids for being kids.  The building always seems to have a happy vibewith all of you around.  Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September Rob ShamblottPresident  |

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|  **FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY**  |
| **Rabbi’s Article for June 2019/Iyar-Sivan 5779 Bulletin** As we enter the month of June, we will also be entering the Book of Numbers in our lectionary cycle of weekly Torah readings.  This fourth book of the Torah, called *“Sefer Bemidbar”* in Hebrew, is probably my favorite of the five books.  It contains beautiful prayers like the priestly blessing:*“May the Eternal bless you and protect you!May the Eternal deal kindly and graciously with you!**May the Eternal bestow divine favor upon you and grant you peace!”* (Num. 6: 24-26) And it includes teachings about the importance of learning from everyone, as when Moses berates Joshua for wanting to jail the young upstarts Eldad and Medad for unauthorized prophesying:*“And Joshua son of Nun, Moses' attendant from his youth, spoke up and said, ‘My lord Moses, restrain them!’ But Moses said to him, "Are you wrought up on my account? Would that all the Eternal's people were prophets, that the Eternal put the divine spirit upon them!"*  (Num. 11:28-29) And it contains the list of way stations through the forty-year wilderness journey through Sinai (Num. 33: 1-49), a passage that has the feel of an incantation when chanted in Hebrew or read in English.  Rashi and other commentators teach that the long list of starting and stopping points in Numbers 33 is there to remind us of God’s kindness and providence at each stage of our life journeys – a teaching that is very much near the heart of my own Jewish spirituality. But perhaps the profundity of the Book of Numbers can be most readily found in its very title.  Not the English title, but the Hebrew title – *“Bemidbar”* [במדבר]    which means “In the wilderness”  (or, more accurately, “In the wilderness of…”, the start of the noun phrase *“Bemidbar Sinai”*/ “In the wilderness of Sinai.” The word *“midbar”*/ מדבר (“wilderness”) is derived from the Hebrew root letters dalet-bet-resh/ דבר, a Hebrew root whose primary meaning is “speak.” (For example, *“Ani medaber ivrit”* [for a male] or *“Ani medaberet ivrit”* [for a female] is the way you say “I speak Hebrew” in Hebrew, and the word *“dibbur”* [דיבור] means “speech” or “utterance.”)    We are privileged and blessed to live in a part of the country -- in a part of the world -- that contains many beautiful areas of wilderness.  I must admit that in nine years here I have not yet canoed in the Boundary Waters – though that is very much on my “to do” list.  And, to be honest, I’m not a hardcore wilderness camping sort of guy.  But the beauty of Lake Superior, and Skyline Drive, and Amity Creek and the Munger Trail, and all the areas of natural beauty in the midst of which we live --- they still “speak” to me, and they inspire my own ability to “speak.”  I imagine that that is true for many of you as well. I visited the Sinai Peninsula back in December 1981, during my first trip to Israel when I was a college junior.  I can well imagine how being in that *midbar* - that wilderness - could become connected in our ancestors’ understanding with the ultimate *dibbur* – the ultimate “speaking” --  that our tradition calls *“Torah.”* Now that summer is (finally!) approaching, I hope that each of us will have many opportunities to enjoy the wild beauty of our region – and of the world – and that these encounters with nature will enrich our connections with Torah as well. L’shalom,Rabbi David Steinbergrabbidavid@jewishduluth.org P.S. According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given at sunrise. Please join us for our “Soon-After-Sunrise” Shavuot service on Sunday morning June 9th at 6:00 a.m.  We’ll meet up at Tom and Pam Grigg’s house on Park Point then walk together across the street to the beach to davven an abbreviated festival Shacharit service, then back to Tom and Pam’s house for a brief Torah service (reading of the Ten Commandments), and conclude with breakfast together.  The address is in your member directory or you can call the office for that information.  |

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|  **NEWS FROM THE HEBREW AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS**  |
| https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/73aeb8b671814cf4c6f28404690481d0.jpegStudents in Morah Elizabeth’s and Morah Susan’s religious studies classes put into practice the Jewish value of tza’ar ba’alei chayim – protecting or preventing unnecessary cruelty toward animals. They first examined the Torah story of Rivka, who showed great kindness to Abraham’s servant Eliezer by greeting him at the well and watering his 10 camels. (Camels, by the way, can drink 30 to 40 gallons of water in about 15 minutes.) They braided polar fleece strips into pull toys for dogs and filled old socks with noisy paper for cats. Then they delivered the toys to homeless dogs and cats at Animal Allies. While there, our students toured the shelter, hung some of the toys on their cages, and petted a cat and its newborn kittens. Mazel tov on these g’milut chasadim -- acts of loving kindness. https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/a88b8ca4c00f4e125592973e74ca8783.jpegWe closed out the school year with an indoor picnic, due to rain. Highlights included eating brisket and playing Unicorn Magic Ring Toss and the card game Flapjacks and Sasquatches. Have a relaxing and restful summer! Youth Education DirectorAndrea Novel Buck |

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| **NOTES FROM THE BOARD** |
|  Tikkun olam; what does that mean to you?  An enthusiastic David Snyder of Jewish Community Action visited the May board meeting, and offered to support the efforts, reach, and impact of Temple Israel congregation’s social justice projects. He helped remind us of the significance those central Jewish values can have, especially when acted on collectively. David is the organizing director of Jewish Community Action of Minnesota. JCA works in partnerships with individuals, congregations, and allies to act for social change. It provides a distinctly Jewish voice to the fight for racial and economic justice. His purpose in visiting Duluth was to get to know our congregation, find out our social action interests, and determine how Jewish Community Action can assist us. Our congregation has a strong social action involvement (some examples are CHUM, Life House, Beach Sweep, Freedom Center), and the support of JCA can help us strengthen our efforts.  Mr. Snyder provided a short overview of JCA’s work surrounding such areas as affordable housing, legislation, tenant rights, relationship building with various communities, immigrant rights, voting rights, and anti-semitism.  He then answered specific questions, and was invited to return to speak at a Learner’s Luncheon in September! Deb Carroll |

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| **CHANGE IN YAHRTZEIT NOTIFICATION PRACTICE** Our historical practice at Temple Israel has been to announce yahrtzeits during Shabbat services on the **Shabbat following** or coinciding with the actual date of the yahrtzeit.   However, many synagogues around the world instead announce yahrtzeits during Shabbat services on the **Shabbat** coinciding with or immediately **prior** to the week during which the actual yahrtzeit date occurs.   That is already the way in which we announce birthdays and wedding anniversaries each Shabbat at services, i.e. on the Shabbat coinciding with or immediately **prior** to the week during which the actual date of the birthday or anniversary occurs. We have a new database system that we are now using at Temple called ShalomCloud  (more info at [www.shalomcloud.com](http://www.shalomcloud.com) ).   In order to effectively utilize our new database system we have moved to a new practice of announcing yahrtzeits at Temple on the Shabbat coinciding with or immediately **prior** to the week in which the actual yahrtzeit date occurs (which now makes our yahrtzeit announcement practice consistent with the way we already announce birthdays and anniversaries). Yahrtzeit notification letters mailed out from the Temple office now reflect this new schedule.   Of course, if in any particular year, whether due to family travel plans or any other circumstance, you want to have the name of your deceased loved one mentioned on the Shabbat **following** their yahrtzeit rather than on the Shabbat **prior** to their yahrtzeit, we will certainly do this for you upon request. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Rabbi David. Thank you. |
|  **SHAVUOT “SOON AFTER SUNRISE” SERVICE AND BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY** **MORNING JUNE 9 ON PARK POINT**https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/bbbadfbbc5e0aa61ef9aa31a5de4c237.jpeg According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given at sunrise.  Our festival morning service for the holiday of Shavuot (*aka “Zeman Matan Torateynu”*/”The Season of the Giving of our Torah”) will take place on **Sunday morning June 9th at 6:00 a.m.**  We’ll meet up at Tom and Pam Grigg’s house on Park Point, then walk together across the street to the beach to davven an abbreviated festival Shacharit service, then back to Tom and Pam’s house for a brief Torah service (reading of the Ten Commandments), and conclude with breakfast together.  The address is in your member directory or you can call the office for that information. **NOTE:  Please park cars on the Griggs’ side of the street (Bayside) and bikes can go in their garage.** ***Chag Same’ach!/ Gut Yuntif!/*** ***Happy Shavuot!*** |

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|  ***BOOK DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY*** Each year on a Saturday night shortly before Rosh Hashanah, we gather for a special service called “Selichot.”  (This year that will take place on Saturday night September 21st.).  This is the first time that we use melodies associated with the High Holidays, and the first time we see the Torah scrolls and bima dressed in white.  The word “Selichot” also refers to the whole genre of penitential prayers associated with the Days of Awe.  (You might know that the singular form of the word – “selicha” is how you say “I’m sorry” in Modern Hebrew).  This year we will be introducing a new prayer book for our Selichot service, published by the Reform movement in 2017.  It’s called ***Mishkan Halev: Prayers for S’lichot and the Month of Elul.***As its name implies, it includes liturgies not only for the special Selichot service on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, but also for regular Friday night Shabbat services during the month of Elul.  It will be a wonderful addition to our worship resources. Thank you very much to Maureen O’Brien, who has offered to sponsor the purchase of a number of copies of the book.  We would now like to take the opportunity to offer to the rest of the congregation (and friends of the congregation) the opportunity to sponsor additional copies of this book.  The cost to do so is $20 per book, payable to Temple Israel.  A book plate noting your generosity would be affixed to the inside cover to acknowledge your generosity.  https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/812323/669e54508759c35ce0de6aa7d2a629dd.jpeg  |

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| **May Donations**  **Butterfly Garden Fund** Allyz Kramer Polacsek **Beautification Fund**Jack and Cindy Seiler in memory of Aura Feldman Goldfine **Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund**Chris and Dan King in memory of Sally Hallock **General Fund**Jacqueline RancoMark and Carol Weitz in memory ofShirley Eichenwald Maki **Religious School**Allyz Kramer Polacsek **Hebrew School**Lyle and Lynn Bergal in memory of Harry Bergal **Endowment Fund**Seth Taran in memory of Harry Taran Michael and Betsy Rosenzweig in memory of Peggy Lavick: mother of Joan, Howard, Neil and Baylee. **Sally Krovitz Children’s Fund** Marilyn Krovitz Blunt in memory of Sally and Abe Krovitz **Silver Lecture Series**Cindy SeilerRobert and Sara Silver **Prayer Book Fund**Maureen O'Brien for Selichot book Miskan Halev **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**Karen and Bill Podolsky in honor of grandson Theodore  |

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