



Temple Israel Bulletin

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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:

As you have no doubt read we are witnessing an erosion of engagement around America within faith based, community based and social organizations. How do groups best invite their members or participants to attend, play, volunteer, worship or create in a more regular and perhaps deeper way since the lockdowns forced by Covid 19? Temple Israel is certainly not alone and I am buoyed by the fact that I often hear, "just give me a call and I will be there". The difficulty lies in the ask and the timing. We have two services per week that are scheduled to start at specific times, waiting to

see if we have a minyan before making calls, may delay starts or adds to the anxiety of the 'will we or won't we' get enough folks live or via Zoom. As a board we welcome your input on how to best engage with you and or your social network within the Temple Israel community. What efforts can you put forward towards actively participating as opposed to passively waiting for the call? We have services, programming, events and holidays all in need of leaders and volunteers. Will you and/or your member social network adopt a service per month to attend or a holiday to champion?, Energy is infectious and I can attest to the

vibrancy that is secured by a diverse set of folks coming to temple. Thank you to those volunteers and attendees to our recent Tu B'Shevat seder. The participation and the halo effect of the energy generated from the folks who came was clear. In short, this is my call out to all of you.

One of the many reasons to come to Temple is to welcome our newest staff member. Susan Wiste has joined our dedicated crew and is a pleasure to have on the team. Thank you to all of our staff, they continue to provide the infrastructure for us to maintain our organization and a platform for growth in the future. Here's hoping I see or hear from you soon.

Bart

📣 Calling all USHERS! 📣

We are looking for congregants to sign up as ushers for Shabbat services. ANYONE 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:

Chag Ha-Purim (which translates more or less literally as the “Lottery Festival”) takes place on the 14th of Adar. (This year, it starts at sundown on Monday, March 6th.) It is somewhat of a Jewish anthropological equivalent to Mardi Gras – a time for merrymaking, joking, and generally doing our best to accentuate the positive. Indeed, according to Jewish tradition, this mood begins to prevail a full two weeks before Purim with the start of the month of Adar. As is taught in the Talmud (Ta’anit 29a): משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה / *mishenichnas adar marbin besimcha* (“When Adar begins, one increases rejoicing”)

Almost exactly one month separates Purim and Pesach (Passover), with Pesach arriving on the 15th of Nisan (this year, sundown on Wednesday, April 5th).

Let me insert here the obligatory joke – Yes, both holidays are part of that well-known general schema of “They tried to kill us. They failed. Let’s eat!”. But, in a more serious vein, the two holidays also represent two contrasting aspects of Jewish religious thought: Megillat Esther which we read on Purim famously makes no mention of God. God’s role may be hidden there when we “read between the lines” but on the surface at any rate the Megillah characterizes our people’s triumph as purely a product of human action. By contrast, the Passover story (at least as expressed in the traditional text of the Passover Haggadah) emphasizes the role of God in actively stepping in to free our people and to save us from the pursuing armies of Pharaoh, as it says: *“The Eternal took us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and with a great manifestation, and with signs and wonders.”* *‘The Eternal took us out of Egypt,’ not through an angel, not through a seraph and not through a messenger; but rather by God’s own self, the Holy One, ever to be blessed, in solitary glory!*” (1)

Of course, when you come down to it, Jewish theology is, so to speak, “non-binary”. It’s not either/or. Spirituality, at least as I see it with my own Jewish eyes, is about integrating the two ideas – yes, human efforts matter and yes, faith matters as well. We need Purim as well as Pesach.

I found an interesting article on the web the other day that makes a different kind of comparison between Purim and Pesach that I also found thought provoking. Yossi Klein Halevi, a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, writes (in an essay from 2019)

“Jewish history speaks to our generation in the voice of two biblical commands to remember. The first voice commands us to remember that we were strangers in the land of Egypt, and the message of that command is: Don’t be brutal. The second voice commands us to remember how the tribe of Amalek attacked us without provocation while we were wandering in the desert, and the message of that command is: Don’t be naive.

“The first command is the voice of Passover, of liberation; the second is the voice of Purim, commemorating our victory over the genocidal threat of Haman, a descendant of Amalek. “Passover Jews” are motivated by empathy with the oppressed; “Purim Jews” are motivated by alertness to threat. (2) Both are essential; one without the other creates an unbalanced Jewish personality, a distortion of Jewish history and values.”

As we get ready to celebrate Purim, during these days and weeks when we have been reasonably concerned with reports of antisemitic threats in society at large, we nevertheless commit ourselves to celebrate our continued existence with joy even as we concern ourselves with matters of security.

And as we get ready to celebrate Pesach a month later, our own story of liberation continues to prompt us to work for the liberation of all.

Chag Same'ach!
Rabbi David Steinberg
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(1) Traditional language adapted to avoid gendered language for God.

(2) <https://www.hartman.org.il/pesach-jews-v-purim-jews-the-agony-of-our-dilemma/>

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

My thoughts and words seem to be on mid-winter break, along with my physical being. But I will attempt to craft a bulletin article out of this news:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has listed the invention of matzah ball soup as one of “countless right answers” to the question “What do you think the most important events in Jewish history are?”

“Is that a good thing?” My son asked when I told him this news. Well, two of the other three

events listed were the destruction of the Second Temple and the Spanish Inquisition. So, I had to tell him I don’t know how to answer his question of goodness.

But we all know that Jewish food plays an incredibly important role in our peoplehood.

So much so, I took note we were holding up beef brisket and a “brand new” potato kugel recipe as a reason to be an usher and/or join the minyan during Shabbat services last week. It’s true.

In case you missed it, know there are many other foods to come to services and stay for Kiddush lunch for. And if food’s not your thing, how about try coming for a brief respite from the world, the companionship of fellow Jews, or, dare I suggest, the sanctity of Shabbat?

The month of March roars in with the Children’s Purim Carnival and Costume Parade, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 4 in the classrooms downstairs. All children from synagogue are invited, not just enrolled students. (We do ask that parents of younger non-students accompany their children to the various stations.)

Among the activities, children will make hamantaschen, paint mishloach manot containers, and play games like Ring Toss Haman and Put Mordecai on the King’s Horse. I could use a couple of non-partial (no relatives of the children, please) judges to judge the winning costumes in the categories of Most True to the Purim Story, Most Original, and Best Overall. Any volunteers? Here’s one more reason to come to shul on a Shabbat morning.

Andrea Novel Buck
Youth Education Director



PURIM IS COMING -- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Please contact [Rabbi David](#) if you would like to take part in the Megillah reading (Monday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.) Both Hebrew singing parts* and English reading parts are available. (**If you can read Hebrew and carry a tune, Rabbi David can make a recording for you and work with you to develop this skill.*)
- Please contact [Rabbi David](#) if you would like to take part in the mitzvah of delivering *mishloach manot* "goody bags" on Purim Day (Tuesday, March 7th) to elderly and/or homebound members of our congregation.



Join us for a conversation with
[Mayor Emily Larson](#)
 Thursday, March 2nd, 2023
 11:30am Gather
 12:00pm Lunch & Program

Lunch by Sheryl
 Crustless Quiche
 Baked Tomatoes
 Desserts

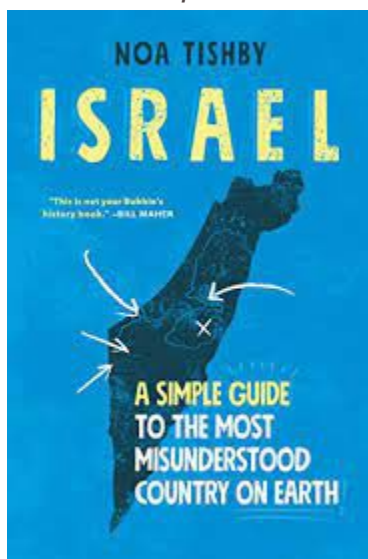
Shabbat Guest Speaker

Please join us for Shabbat Service on
 Friday, March 10th when [Roger Reinert](#) joins
 us.

The title of his talk is "A Call to Service."

BOOK CLUB

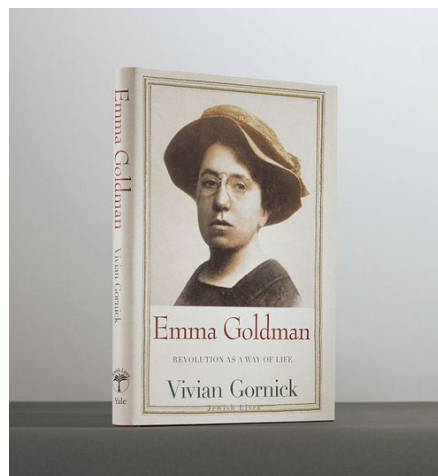
*Next Temple Book Group will meet via zoom
 on Sunday, March
 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm.*



*We will be
 discussing ISRAEL:
 A SIMPLE GUIDE
 TO THE MOST
 MISUNDERSTOOD
 COUNTRY ON
 EARTH by Noa
 Tishby. All invited to
 attend even if you
 have not read the
 book. Zoom link will
 be provided in
 March.*

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



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 Feb16
 installment on Barbara Streisand. 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!*

March 23 --- [Emma Goldman: Revolution as a
 Way of Life by Vivian Gornick](#)

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

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/>)

2023 Kaplun Foundation Essay Contest

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to write and
 submit essays to the 2023 Kaplun Foundation
 Essay Contest. The first place winner in each
 level (grades 7-9 and grades 10-12) is
 awarded \$1,800 and the next five winners at
 each level receive \$500 each. The contest is

an opportunity for students to reflect on Jewish heritage and values and to better understand Judaism's contribution to civilization and culture. The Kaplun Foundation believes strongly in the value of this writing process as a way for young people to explore challenging ethical topics. Students living anywhere in the world and of any religion are invited to submit.

Winners, finalists and — when space allows, additional participants — who are in 8th grade or above will be invited to join the board of the [Kaplun Foundation Youth Board](#), where participants meet throughout the year to learn about philanthropy and allocate \$5,000 of the Foundation's funds to a nonprofit organization.

This year's essay questions, information, rules, and submissions are online at: kaplunfoundation.org. Entries are due by March 12, 2023.

Passover is coming!

Passover is sundown, April 5, 2023 through sundown April 12th or 13th depending on if you observe 7 or 8 days of Passover.

The disposal of leaven (chametz) before the start of the Passover holiday traditionally requires not only the removal or storing of all chametz, but also its dispossession. Traditional Jewish law states that we are not even allowed to own any chametz during the entire Passover holiday. Therefore, to enable us to fulfill these traditional requirements, Jewish law provides for a technical procedure whereby we can sell all chametz in our possession for the duration of the holiday. This is known as "*mechirat chametz*" ("sale of chametz"). If you wish to take part in this tradition, please complete the form below and submit it so that it is received by **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**. (Note: The early deadline is because Rabbi David will be on vacation the week immediately preceding the start of Passover.)

[Click HERE for the SALE OF CHAMETZ form](#)



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 schlepping - 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.

“Gabriel Project” Seeks Donations

What is the Gabriel Project?

The Gabriel Project is a combined effort by several local Duluth congregations that focuses on people who are currently housed but in financial need. While CHUM works primarily with people who are homeless, the Gabriel Project (which operates independently from CHUM) uses funds collected from a collective of Duluth congregations to help prevent housed people from becoming homeless. This is typically done through gas cards, grocery cards, or one-time financial assistance to cover something like one month's rent when a person doesn't have the money because of an unexpected medical bill.

(Several local churches include contributions to the Gabriel Project as part of their budgets. Temple Israel does not do so, but Rabbi David has made a number of donations over the years from the Temple Israel Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to support the Gabriel Project.)

What are the new developments?

For the past decade or so, the Gabriel Project has been administered by Peace Church, which serves as its fiscal representative. Over the past several months it has become

apparent that the management and distribution of the funds has become more than one congregation can sustain. A group of congregational leaders (including Rabbi David) have met over the past several months to address this situation. They have developed a new plan to have the distribution site for the Gabriel Fund be situated in the Carriage House next to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with Peace Church continuing to serve as the Gabriel Project's fiscal representative. The plan envisions hiring a part-time person to manage the distribution of the funds, including meeting with people who come in during set hours to ask for help, getting them set up with community resources as needed, and assessing how best to distribute the funds based on the need.

How can congregations and individuals help?

Right now we are focused on raising enough money to cover the estimated \$2,400 a month needed to sustain the fund distribution and staffing. The Gabriel Project currently distributes between \$1,500-\$2,000 per month and we hope to continue and perhaps even grow our capacity to support people in our community. If 10 congregations raise \$240 a month (or \$2880 per year) to support the combined fund distribution and staffing, we could meet our goal. Congregations or individuals can make checks out to "Peace Church" (with the designation "Gabriel Project" on the memo line) and send them to Peace Church, 1111 N 11th Ave E, Duluth MN 55805, (attn: Nathan Holst).

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](#)

Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

March 3 & 4 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10)	March 10 & 11 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-34:35)	March 17 & 18 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Vayakhel-Pekude (Exodus 35:1-38:20 and 38:21-40:38)	March 24 & 25 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1-5:26)
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Mazel Tov

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

Todah Rabbah

- To all that helped prepare the Tu B'shevat Seder!
- To Michelle Baddin for helping out in the office



Donations

01/28/23 – 02/25/23

General Fund

Mike Grossman & Holly Church Barnett	In memory of Abraham
Mike Grossman & Holly Church Rose Alcala	In memory of Christina
Mike Grossman & Holly Church Grossman	In memory of Joseph
Mike Grossman & Holly Church Grossman	In memory of Leo
Mike Grossman & Holly Church Abrahams	In memory of Lisa
Mike Grossman & Holly Church Levy	In memory of Rabbi Sue
Mike Grossman & Holly Church	

Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund

Anonymous	In memory of Trout Levenson
Mike Grossman & Holly Church	In honor of the Shabbat Soup Makers
Steve Goldfine	

Marko Retirement

Jack Shapiro	In memory of Gail Shapiro
Gayle Held	

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Arno Kahn	
Paul King	In memory of Joseph King
Robert & Frances Leff	

Social Action Fund

Jack Shapiro	In memory of Sarah Segal
Arno Kahn	

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5 12 adar Hamentashen Baking	6 13 adar 6:00pm Megillah Reading & "Super-Sized" Oneg FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING	7 14 adar Mishlo'ach manot deliveries PURIM	8 15 adar 4:30pm Hebrew School 5pm Confirmation Class SHUSHAN PURIM	9 16 adar 	10 17 adar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service - guest speaker Roger Reinert	11 18 adar 8:30am Hebrew School 10am Shabbat Morning service 10am Religious School <i>Ki Tisa</i> SHABBAT PARAH
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