



Temple Israel Bulletin

May 2023 / Iyar - Sivan 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:

While many of the migrating songbirds of spring are questioning why they showed up in Duluth already, those temple members who flocked to this past Friday night's Shabbat service were serenaded by the wonderful tunes of our new member led band (to date, nameless). The brainchild of Kathy Levine, the group's first outing was a rousing success and brought a warmth and joy to the service. Thank you to our dueling guitars, electric piano, flute, viola and singers. Kathy made clear that this is a fun-time band and anyone with any desire to get involved is welcome to participate regardless of ability - please email Kathy if you would like to lend your voice or musical prowess to

would very much like to hear from our membership concerning what they like or would like to change, what are we doing well and what can we do better.

Regards, 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](#)

the effort. It is good to see many of our members returning to Duluth from their winter havens. We welcome you back and look forward to seeing you at one of the many events upcoming at temple in the next few weeks. We are in various stages of finalizing, planning and upgrading our building infrastructure and technology needs. As our building ages, we will continue to push preventative maintenance and upgrades to strengthen, beautify and bolster our temple. I welcome your input and will reiterate that I

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

As this edition of the Bulletin goes into print, we are in the midst of the 50-day period of Sefirat Ha'omer (The Counting of the Omer). The Torah prescribes that we should count a full seven weeks between the second night of Passover and the arrival of Shavuot (with the first day of Shavuot being day 50). Indeed, the very name of the latter holiday simply means "weeks." Thus, a clear connection is made between Passover, whose traditional nickname is Zeman Cheyruyenu ("The Season of Our

Freedom”) and Shavuot, whose traditional nickname is Zeman Matan Torateinu (“The Season of the Giving of our Torah”).

The connection is spelled out in a classic rabbinic pun:

“[Torah] says ‘the tablets were the work of God and the writing was the writing of God, which were engraved [Hebrew: חרות (“CHaRuT”)] on the tablets.’ [Exodus 32:16]. Don’t read ‘engraved’ [CHaRuT] but rather read ‘freedom’ [Hebrew: “CHeRuT], for only the individual who is engaged in the study of Torah is truly free.” (Pirke Avot 6:2)

We will celebrate Shavuot as a community, on Thursday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m. with an evening service that features the public reading of the Ten Commandments. This will be followed by a nice dessert oneg featuring cheese cake (yum!) in acknowledgment of the traditional custom of eating dairy dishes at Shavuot. There are several traditional explanations for eating dairy foods on Shavuot. My favorite is the explanation that this custom is derived from the phrase “honey and milk are under your lips” (Song of Songs 4:11), which traditional commentators saw as an allusion to the sweetness of Torah.

After we have our refreshments, those who wish can also stick around for another hour or so for an informal study session as a way of engaging with the tradition of [“Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.”](#) According to midrashic tradition, the Israelites overslept at Sinai on the morning that they were to receive the Torah and so the custom of studying Jewish texts all through the night of Shavuot developed in the Middle Ages as an attempt to make a “repair” (the literal definition of the word “tikkun”) for that ancient communal faux pas...

I’m planning to focus on [Pirke Avot](#), but if any of you have suggestions for other classic texts please let me know. (We’ll also plan on including then a bit of studying of the weekly Torah portion as we won’t be having our regular Friday noon Zoom Torah study session on May 26th.)

Chag Shavuot Same’ach,
Rabbi David Steinberg
rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

It was a dismal week. Second night Passover seder had been cancelled because not enough adults in our congregation could come together to cook a festive meal and prepare the ritual foods. Then Shabbat morning services were cancelled because Rabbi was away and no one else was available to lead us in communal prayer.

So, on Saturday, April 1, Religious and Hebrew School teachers and students took advantage of an empty kitchen and social hall to put on our own “model” Passover seder. Older students cooked matzah ball soup, boiled and shelled eggs, and set the tables. Middle students prepared and placed the ritual foods on the seder plates. Our youngest students made charoset.

We pulled everything together within a couple hours, then sat down to our hour-long seder. We went through the order of the activities, explaining and showing students the traditions of washing our hands, breaking the middle matzah, hiding (and finding) the afikomen, and telling the Passover story. We enjoyed eating parsley dipped in saltwater, bitter herbs (well not so much), Hillel sandwiches and our meal of matzah ball soup and boiled eggs. We drank four cups of grape juice. And we laughed and enjoyed each other's company.

Some parents stayed to help us in the kitchen. Some joined in the meal that their children so proudly prepared.

It wasn’t formal. It wasn’t fancy. But it was a gathering of Jewish community in an incredibly sacred moment. And it is an example of how the rest of us might come together less stressfully as a congregation on the second night of Passover next year.



Mark your Calendars

We are headed into our final month of classes. Our teachers will be honored for their sacred work with an Aliyah to Torah during Shabbat morning services on Saturday, May 13 and a nice Kiddush lunch. Our final day of class, Saturday, May 20, will be a picnic -- outdoors behind the synagogue if weather permits or in the classrooms if not. Parents, have your children bring some games that day to share and please sign up to bring something for the picnic potluck when that call goes out. Parents and siblings are welcome.

Todah Rabah!

A shout-out to our teachers Elizabeth Kaplan, Heather Lassard, Tina Alcala-Sales, Susan Rees, Danny Frank and Rabbi David Steinberg for all the lesson plans, materials development, and especially taking care of our students' learning and spirits.

Thank you parents for schlepping your children to classes on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and especially to those who took time to help and participate in our all-school events.

I couldn't do any of this without you!

Andrea Buck
Education Director



Dear Temple Israel Students, Parents and Teachers,

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH US!

HS/RS Closing Picnic

When: 10-noon Saturday, May 20

Where: Endion Park behind synagogue or classrooms in the event of rain

What to Bring: outdoor games/activities students will want to play if the weather is good; indoor games/activities if not

Contribute to the Potluck: Veggie/dairy picnic style foods and drinks

2023 DULUTH DYLAN FEST
JOHN BUSHEY MEMORIAL LECTURE
presents
"The Kabbala of Bob Dylan "
Seth Rogovoy

Sunday, May 21, 2023
6:30-8:00 P.M. Live on Zoom
(pre-registration required [HERE](#))



Rogovoy is a writer, award-winning critic, book author, international lecturer, teacher, musician, radio commentator and cultural journalist. He frequently writes about Jewish music and culture for a variety of publications. Seth has taught a variety of college-level and adult-ed courses on klezmer, Jewish music, and Bob Dylan, about whom he has written extensively. He is currently working on a book about the music of George Harrison for the Oxford Press. In this multimedia program incorporating still images, video, and close lyrical analysis, Seth Rogovoy, author of *Bob Dylan: Prophet Mystic Poet* (Scribner, 2009), explores the deep and profound influence of the Jewish background and scriptural roots on Bob Dylan's life and work. We will see how the Nobel Prize-winning rock poet's familiarity with Torah, Talmud, and Kabbalah has worked its way into his songs and public utterances, along with his embrace of Israel and the Jewish outreach organization Chabad. Seth's Newsletter is called *Everything is Broken*

The full brochure can be viewed [HERE](#)



Get Out Your Walking Shoes and Get Your Groove On

Time to gear up for spring weather – oh yes, it's coming – and join the Temple Fundraising Committee for the first ever 0.5K walk & schmoose. You read that right - 0.5 kilometers. Put your hands up, let me hear you say: O – POINT – FIVE – K! The Temple Fundraising Committee is hosting a Walk Around the Block and Build Your Own Bloody Mary event on Sunday, June 4th, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Temple Israel. What?! Have we lost our minds? No, not really – but being cooped up in this extra-long winter has inspired us to put together this Fundraising Event to support *UPGRADING THE TEMPLE'S COMPUTERS* and see everyone outside! See details below and [click here to "register"](#) – which really means we know you can't wait to show up and we can count on your entry fee: Double Chai! For \$36 we will be hosting a 4-block walk around Temple, bloody Mary drinks with all the fixins', a bagel and schmear, music, and camaraderie.

We'd love your pre-registration, but it's not required. You're welcome to register at the event. This is not complicated.

Send your questions and comments to the Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, Jack Seiler (218-269-0985) and Allyz Kramer Polacsek (218-260-0826). Do you feel like helping out set-up or take-down the event? Give us a call. We'd love to have you join us.



Did you know the Friday night Oneg and Saturday Kiddush lunch can be sponsored?

Did you know there are 2 ways to sponsor? You can make a donation (\$50 for Oneg & \$100 for Kiddush Lunch) OR you can bring in items (following our Kashrut policy). You can sponsor to HONOR someone or group, in REMEMBRANCE of someone, or JUST BECAUSE! You can get more details [HERE](#). Contact Nicole in the [Temple Israel Office](#) to schedule your sponsorship today!



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](#).

Remember those in care facilities

Carol Cohen, The Pines Three

Paul King, St Ann's

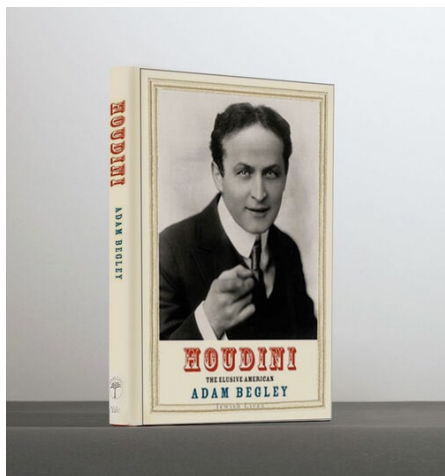
Rochelle Rubin, Benedictine Health Center

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 April 27th installment on Leonard Bernstein. 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!

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

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

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

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



Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, October 15th. The Programming and Fundraising Committees have teamed up to host Mr. Bill Hindin and his Great Jewish American Songbook – a musical performance and historical telling of great Jewish American singer songwriters that framed contemporary popular music culture in the 20th Century. Click [HERE](#) for more information. More details to come over the summer. For now, save the date! Contact Alexis Pogorelskin or Allyz Kramer Polacsek with questions. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the Temple Directory.



The Tikkun Olam Committee invites you to two enriching presentations that were part of the Duluth Thrives Summit, along with thought-provoking discussions, conviviality, and delicious snacks.

We'll view the "**Shift Our Brains Summit**" video—for free! *

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30-8:30 pm - **The Brain and Stress: What's Happening and What We Can Do About it.** Keynote Christine Bright is a dynamic and positive-spirited presenter. She is the lead consultant and trainer for [The Center for Healing and Justice Through Sport](#).

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-8:30 pm - **Implicit Bias, Diversity, Inclusion, and Microaggressions.** Keynote Jebbeh Edmunds is a deeply caring and passionate presenter. She lives in Duluth, is the founder of [Jebbeh Cultural Consulting LLC](#), oversees the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Duluth Program, and was featured on the March 2023 cover of Women Today.

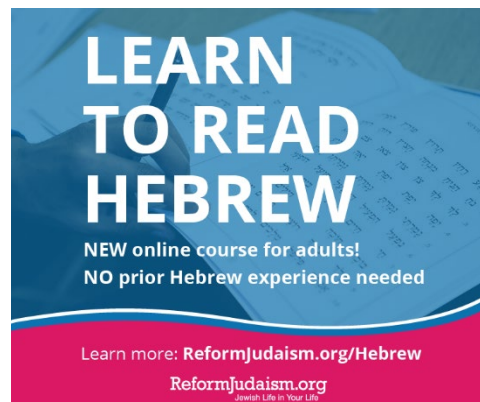
*Free access to a recording of the Summit is a gift from [Duluth Thrives](#) to Temple Israel because the Summit was held on Saturday morning which conflicted with our Shabbat services.

Please [RSVP HERE](#) or contact Linda Glaser for more information. If you're unable to attend, please let Linda know. She will provide you with a link to the recording.

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.



Get started with the *aleph-bet*!

Classes starting in June: Register [HERE](#)

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



Todah Rabbah

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

Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

May 5 & 6 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)	May 12 & 13 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Behar - Bechukotal (Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34)	May 19 & 20 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)	May 26 & 27 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Nasso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)
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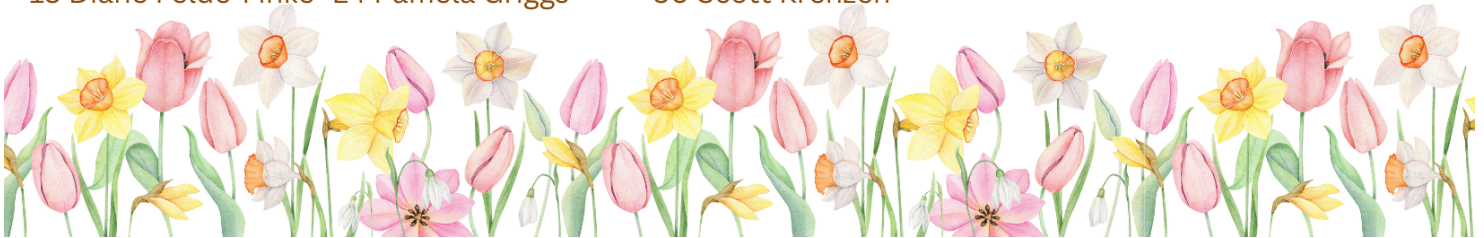
Birthdays

2 Basha Brody
4 Bonney Austin
4 Rob Shablott
5 Anaya Burch
6 Steve Davis
10 Linda Glaser
11 David Schafroth
11 Caitlin Zatroch
11 Charles Zatroch
13 Diane Felde-Finke
14 Gabrielle Manthey
15 Richard Eisenberg
15 Elijah Streit
16 Benjamin Streit
16 Jacob Widdes
17 Carrie Greenberg
17 Bryan Poulin
18 Michele Wallerstein
21 Michael Slavkin
24 Pamela Griggs
24 Patricia Poulin
25 Deborah Freedman
25 Karen Westorff
27 Gerald Wallace
30 Scott Krenzen

May

Anniversaries

4 Lyndsey and Jake Krenzen Manning
4 Scott and Kelly Krenzen
18 Jay & Jan Aldridge
21 John and Toby Sillanpa
25 Richard and Bea Levey
28 Stephen and Kay Bloom
31 Michael and Courtney Bernstein



Donations

03/30/23 – 04/21/23

Cemetery Fund

Lloyd Orensten In memory of Cynthia Orensten
Dick & Diane Gould In Memory of Gita Freimuth
Dick & Diane Gould In Memory of Edgar Freimuth
Toby Sillanpa In memory of Barbara Segal

General Fund

Paul King In memory of Sally Hallock
Theresa Neo & Theresa Bobula
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Annie Grossman
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Barb Russ
John & Meryl Lavine In memory of Frances & Max Lavine

Marin Christianson

Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund

Jay Seiler In memory of Stuart Seiler

Hebrew School

Jane Astren In memory of Julius Horwitz

Marko Retirement

Toby Sillanpa In memory of Nettie Segal

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jay Seiler In memory of Stuart Seiler
Lloyd Orensten In memory of Cynthia Orensten
Erin Aldridge In memory of Saul Love

Social Action Fund

Chris King In memory of Barb Russ
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In honor of Elyse Carter-Vosen
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In honor of Danny Frank
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In honor of Debbie Freedman
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In honor of Andrea Gelb

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	1 10 iyar	2 11 iyar 5:15pm-6:30pm Intermediate Level Biblical Hebrew for Adults	3 12 iyar 4:30pm Hebrew School 5pm Confirmation Class	4 13 iyar	5 14 iyar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Family Shabbat evening service & dinner	6 15 iyar 8:30am Hebrew School 10:00am Shabbat Morning service 10am Religious School
7 16 iyar	8 17 iyar	9 18 iyar 5:15pm-6:30pm Intermediate Level Biblical Hebrew for Adults	10 19 iyar 1:00pm Mah Jongg 4:30pm Hebrew School 5pm Confirmation Class	11 20 iyar	12 21 iyar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service	13 22 iyar 8:30am Hebrew School 10:00am Shabbat Morning service - Educator Recognition 10am Religious School <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>
14 23 iyar	15 24 iyar	16 25 iyar 5:15pm-6:30pm Intermediate Level Biblical Hebrew for Adults	17 26 iyar 4:30pm Hebrew School 5pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm "Shift Your Brain" special viewing	18 27 iyar 6:00-7:30pm Jewish Lives Series - Houdini	19 28 iyar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service - Confirmation	20 29 iyar 10:00am Shabbat Morning service 10am HS/RS End of Year Picnic
MOTHER'S DAY					YOM YERUSHALYIM	<i>Baridbar</i>
21 1 sivan	22 2 sivan	23 3 sivan	24 4 sivan 1:00pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm "Shift Your Brain" special viewing	25 5 sivan <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 8:00pm Shavuot service & late-night study session	26 6 sivan Office Closed	27 7 sivan 10:00am Shabbat Morning service
ROSH CHODESH	VICTORIA DAY CANADA			EREV SHAUOT	SHAVUOT	YIZKOR SHAVUOT
28 8 sivan	29 9 sivan 10:45am Memorial Day Service - ShaarITzedek Cemetery	30 10 sivan 5:15pm-6:30pm Intermediate Level Biblical Hebrew for Adults	31 11 sivan		APRIL S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
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