



## *Tu B'Shevat* *January 21, 2019*



In Israel, another new year will soon be celebrated. *Tu B'shevat*, the "New Year of the Trees," is observed on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shevat.

*Tu B'shevat* is not mentioned in the Torah. According to scholars, the holiday was originally an agricultural festival, corresponding to the beginning of spring in Israel. As is the case with many Jewish observances, a critical historical event served as a catalyst. After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. and the exile that followed, many Jews felt a need to bind themselves symbolically to their former homeland. Tu B'shevat served in part to fill that spiritual need. As it was no longer possible to bring tithes to the Temple, Jews used this time each year to eat a variety of fruits and nuts that could be obtained from Palestine. The practice, a sort of physical association with the land, continued for many centuries.

The sixteenth and seventeenth century kabbalists (mystics) of Palestine elaborated on the exilic customs, creating a ritual for Tu B'shevat somewhat similar to the Passover seder. On Erev *Tu B'shevat*, they would gather in their homes for a fifteen-course meal, each course being one of the foods associated with the land. Between courses, they would read from an anthology called *P'ri Eitz Hadar* (Citrus Fruit), a compilation of passages on trees drawn from the Bible, the Talmud, and the mystical Zohar.

Today in modern Israel, *Tu B'shevat* has become a national holiday, a tree planting festival for both Israelis and Jews throughout the world. Much of the credit for the great joy and spirit of the holiday is a direct result of the important work of the Jewish National Fund.

*Excerpt from: The Jewish Home (Revised Edition) by Daniel B. Syme*

# Worship Schedule

Holiday	Dates	Times	
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, January 4 Saturday, January 5	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Va'era
<b>SHABBAT</b>	<b>Thursday, January 10</b> Friday, January 11 Saturday, January 12	<b>7:30 am</b> 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 10:15 am 10:30 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by TIRS Grade 5 Bring your Own Dinner Shabbat Service, Parsha Bo JBABY Program
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, January 18 Saturday, January 19	6:15 pm 10:15 am 10:30am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Beshalach Junior Congregation Program
<b>SHABBAT</b>	<b>Thursday, January 24</b> Friday, January 25 Saturday, January 26	<b>7:30 am</b> 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 10:15 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b> TOTally Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Yitro
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, February 1 Saturday, February 2	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Mishpatim
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, February 8 Saturday, February 9	6:15 pm 7:00 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by TIRS Grade 1&2 Bring your own Chanukah dinner Shabbat Service, Parsha Terumah
<b>SHABBAT</b>	<b>Thursday, February 14</b> Friday, February 15 Saturday, February 16	<b>7:30 am</b> 6:15 pm 10:15 am 10:30am	<b>Morning Minyan</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Tetzaveh Junior Congregation Program
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, February 22 Saturday, February 23	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 10:15 am	TOTally Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Ki Tisa
<b>SHABBAT</b>	<b>Thursday, February 28</b> Friday, March 1 Saturday, March 2	<b>7:30 am</b> 6:15 pm 10:15 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Vayakel Shabbat Shekalim

## Celebrating a milestone, simcha or a special event?

*If you would like to make a donation in honour of this occasion, please see our website, contact our volunteers (see TIOF page 12 or Temple information page 13) or the office and we will make it easy for you!*

## From the Pulpit



Letting the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism know that they are not alone

Next month, I will join a delegation of Reform rabbis and travel to Israel.

While I have been there on 15 other trips, including living there for two summers, and for the first year of rabbinic school, this trip will be different.

That's because I have not been to Israel in almost five years, and in recent years the relationship between Israel and the Reform community, especially in North America, has deteriorated.

Israel's Government has allowed the appointed chief rabbis to push back the cause of Jewish pluralism decades! Agreements that were worked out about how to manage egalitarian prayer at the Kotel were summarily disregarded and eventually just cancelled.

I love Israel; I fell in love as a teenager. Jerusalem has always been an incredibly special place for me. As I pray at the Western Wall, the Kotel, walk on the stones and run my hands over the ancient Jewish ruins, I feel the presence of our ancestors.

But this trip is an opportunity to engage with the Israel of today, a place of constant innovation, change, and creativity in areas including food, wine, startups, art, and culture. We will be visiting the real Israel - the Israel that leads the world in ideas and startup companies. The Israel that is on the leading edge of technological innovation. The trip will be an opportunity to gain new insights into the Israel of today and the people behind these innovations.

We will also have the opportunity to meet with Israeli political leaders and express our concerns. To make it clear that it is completely unacceptable for one expression of Jewish practice to dictate how Judaism should be lived and celebrated by everyone else! We want to make sure that they understand that we as Liberal Jews represent a devoted and committed population who are hurt and offended by the Government's policies.

We will meet with leaders of Israel's Reform Movement, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. They need to know that they are not alone; that we are fully in support of the important work they are doing, both to bring Liberal Judaism to as many people in Israel as possible, and also to oppose the Government's biased policies.

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## President's Message



The closing months of 2018 have been very busy, as will no doubt be the start of 2019.

Our AGM on November 19th had a good turnout, although as always, the more, the better. Thanks to all who participated in a wide range of discussions. There was considerable discussion regarding quorum for an AGM or Special Meeting of the congregation. No change in quorum requirements resulted.

More analysis and clarification will be done, likely leading to a new quorum proposal to be presented at the 2019 AGM. Financial reporting for the School will be integrated into a single financial report covering Temple Israel activities and School activities, resulting in a cost saving: One report instead of two separate reports for Temple and the School. The Board was installed, including several new members who are already bringing new ideas and new perspectives to Board and other Temple activities. Welcome to all who make up our Board team. Thank you for giving your time and talents for Temple.

Our Task Force on Truth and Reconciliation, under Anne Alper and Fran Klodawsky, have been busy. A wonderful event was held on December 4, involving the Ottawa area indigenous community and Temple members. The event was well attended and had a significant impact on many attendees. There will be other activities in early 2019 for relationship building and mutual learning. Stay tuned.

Our Rabbi Search Committee (RSC), under co-chairs Tamara Taub and Lorne Rachlis, is dealing diligently with the many aspects of this vital activity. Your feedback via a survey on a recent visiting rabbinic candidate has provided key information. Timely RSC updates will be continue to be provided.

Our refugee newcomers - Mom and 3 year old son - have arrived and are settling in. The Temple Welcoming Committee, under Merle Haltrecht-Matte, have been working tirelessly to take care of all that is needed, large and small. A special thank you to the entire Welcoming Committee and to many Temple members for their generosity, on-going support, and understanding in dealing with this challenging and rewarding Tikkun Olam activity. Yasher Koach!!

Happy New Year. May it be a peaceful, joyous, and healthy new year for all.

*Stephen Asherman, President*

We will pray together. We will pray at the Kotel. We will explore what is new and innovative and I hope, we will deepen our connections and commitments.

I am looking forward to telling you more about the trip when I return.

Shalom,

*Rabbi S. Robert Morais*



## School News



Our Grade 5 class will be leading us in prayer on January 11, 2019 followed by Grades 1 & 2 on February 8th. Class-led Kabbalat Shabbat services continue to be of the highest attendance of any other Friday of each month. Grade 7 led an incredible Kabbalat Shabbat service on November 9th and our Gan Yeladim (Kindergarten) "blew" us away at our Chanukah celebration service on December 7th.

All of our class-led services on Friday nights are followed by a "Bring Your Own Dinner" where families (old and new) are able to get to know other families and it is a way for the children to be together outside of school/TIRS. Plan to team up with other families for mains, sides, salads and desserts so no one has to prepare it all as we come together to share in community.

November and December were busy with new and existing programs for families with young children, tweens and teens from Temple Israel, TIRS and the Ottawa Jewish Community. We started several new programs this fall and every one of them has been a success. I want to thank Morah Ranit for all of the extra work she has done to provide these programs and Morah Jenny for sharing her expertise in Dungeons and Dragons.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the parents and students that have supported me on a personal level since my Dad's passing in mid-November. I received hugs, cards, messages and emails from so many. I am truly blessed to work in such a caring environment. I would also like to thank my "back-up" team, Jasmine Albagli, Cathy Deri Armstrong, and Seline Hercz-Fischler. I could not have taken time off without you.

If you would like to have a voice in upcoming programming, please approach me at any time. Information on January and February programs can be found in this bulletin, on the Temple Israel website, and on the TIRS Facebook page.

Happy 2019!

*Sue Potechin*  
TIRS Principal



Temple member,  
Major Leona Crabb  
talks to the TIRS  
students on Remem-  
brance Day

**TOT Shabbat**  
4th Friday of each month  
@ Temple Israel  
1301 Prince of Wales Dr.  
5:30 - 6:00 pm followed by a  
kid-friendly dinner.

Jan. 25 Feb. 22  
Mar. 22 Apr. 26

Songs in Hebrew and English, movement,  
stories, Shabbat blessings and more!  
A multi-generational program for children  
6 and under and their families!

For more information, contact Sue  
at 613-864-8156 or [tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca)

**Temple Israel's Junior Choir**  
January 13, 2019 at 12:40 pm  
@ Temple Israel  
1301 Prince of Wales Dr.

Interested but you weren't able to join us in  
December? That's ok! Please join us as we  
begin regular rehearsals starting in January.

RSVP to Sue at 613-864-8156  
[tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca)

# Truth & Reconciliation Task Force

## Building Understanding Program Continues Wampum Belt Chronicles with Darren Bonaparte Sunday January 20 at 2 p.m. at Temple Israel



On December 4 more than 100 people gathered for the launch event of Temple Israel's Task Force to respond to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. **"Building Understanding: Sky Woman and Chanukah"** featured a performance of The Sky Woman Creation Story by Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller and reflections on Chanukah by Rabbi Morais, as well as songs and refreshments.

Wampum is how the Haudenosaunee documented their history and culture. It was the interface between native and colonist. In his presentation on January 20th, Darren will provide a historical narrative through the significance of wampum belts which were a symbol of the most solemn of commitments. He will explain the workings of a typical treaty council and the oral traditions behind each wampum.

Darren Bonaparte is a Mohawk story teller, writer and artist from Akwesasne. He has written two books *Creation and Confederation: The Living History of the Iroquois*; and *A Lily Among Thorns: The Mohawk Repatriation of Kateri Tekahkwi:tha* as well as numerous historical articles and papers. He recently wrote the libretto for *Saia'tato kenhiti: Honoring Saint Kateri*, a multimedia musical theater work with music by Odawa composer Barbara Croal.

Temple Israel established the Task Force to address and respond to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and most specifically recommendation #49 which calls upon "all religious denominations and faith groups who have not already done so to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius". Our goal is to do so in a manner that is consistent with Jewish values and ethical commitments, as illustrated by the June 2015 Statement of Solidarity and Action prepared by several national Jewish organizations, including the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism.

In this undertaking we have been blessed with a wonderful and knowledgeable partner in Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller who is an assistant professor in Carleton University's School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies.

This on-going work of relationship building, learning and reflection with Ottawa-area Indigenous communities will initially consist of a series of events launched last month and continuing on January 20. Plans are also under way for an interactive workshop for students of the Temple Israel Religious School to prepare Wampum Belts, in either February or March.



To RSVP for January 20, please email [tehwener@rogers.com](mailto:tehwener@rogers.com).

Current members of the Task Force are: Phil Cohen, Mindy Finkelstein, Eva Lazar, Dara Lithwick, Adrienne Paknadel-Powell, Lynne Oreck-Wener, Rabbi Morais, Joyce Pagurek, and Max Sternthal. Fran Klodawsky ([fran\\_klodawsky@carleton.ca](mailto:fran_klodawsky@carleton.ca)) and Anne Alper ([alpera@rogers.com](mailto:alpera@rogers.com)) are its co-chairs. If you would like more information or are interested in joining the Task Force please contact one of us.

## Building Understanding: Sky Woman and Chanukah Highlights



Elder Barbara Dumont Hill opening the event on December 4

Dr. Kahente Horn Miller explaining the Sky Woman performance; We are in Her, She is in Us.

Photos courtesy of Anne Alper





# Temple Reviews

## Dungeons and Dragons as a response to the Pittsburgh Shooting

When peace was shattered in October 2018 at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, that mass shooting reverberated across borders, violating the sacred space of every synagogue. The Friday following the attack, I gathered in solidarity with Jews and non Jews to show that I/we would respond to ha-tred with pride and love. And yet standing in my childhood temple, my second home no longer felt safe.

I am a teacher for Temple Israel Religious School, and my students expressed similar concerns, all vying to learn if they could be safe in their synagogue, safe as Jews, safe in Ottawa.

Stories of bullying and anti-Semitism began to surface, and it was becoming clear that they were sick of feeling like outsiders in their secular world.

Hebrew School or any event in a synagogue is supposed to send the instant underlying message: you are safe and welcome here as a Jew. So, how could I reclaim this sacred space for them? The unexpected answer was Dungeons and Dragons.

My educational background is in Folklore, and in this field, we know that stories and traditions can be a conscious, active response to events that have transpired. The Shoah scroll is such an example. Taking circumstances and making sense of them through creation and establishment of 'something' - a song, a new annual candle lighting, a prayer etc. - is a valuable tool.

Days later, I was speaking with Ranit Braun, the Junior Youth Group Coordinator, about hosting a small Dungeons and Dragons campaign with perhaps a handful of Jewish youth. We could align it with Hanukkah, weaving some history and folklore into the event.

By mid-November, around 15 tweens were gathered in the basement of Temple Israel to create characters. December 5th, the night of our first Dungeons & Dragons session, 23 youth were gathered to celebrate Hanukkah by eating latkes and rolling dice to go on an imaginary quest.

I was thrilled with this unexpected turnout. I even jokingly said to a parent, "I guess imaginary role play is what the Jewish community needed."

According to a variety of articles and testimonies from sources like Psychology Today, BBC and kotaku.com, my thinking is not unique. The results are dramatic; your real life problems can be explored and tackled from a safe distance in a game setting.

Anti-Semitism is an unavoidable reality that all Jews face. How we meet this reality ourselves, and what tools we impart to others to face that reality, well, that's where we can get creative.

*Jenny Tarof, Teacher, Temple Israel Religious School*

## Pop-Up Museum a huge success!

During Holocaust Education Month, TIRS and Temple Israel were among the sponsors of a Pop-Up Museum at Temple Israel. Personal and family artifacts from the Holocaust were temporarily loaned to us to share with the Ottawa Jewish Community. We had tallitot rescued from a burning synagogue during Kristallnacht, photographs, videos, books, travel documents and so much more. One survivor brought her own satchel and yellow star that she was forced to wear on her coat. She was afraid that her items were not as good or grand as some of the others like the large, colourful painting that another survivor had painted to depict his experiences. I was so honoured to have each and every contribution. I reminded her that if her items were significant to her, then that was all that was required.

Thank you to Dr. Robert Ehrenreich from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) who gave a presentation on, "Let the Artifacts Speak: Returning Humanity to Holocaust Victims" to a full room. I was grateful for this opportunity and for the help of Carleton University Professor (and TIRS parent) Dr. Deidre Butler and the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies. Thank you to the Carleton students who brought it all together, especially LX Silver-Mahr, my co-coordinator "on the ground," to our volunteers from CHES, the TI Board of Directors, the TIRS Education Committee and several other friends from Temple Israel who helped to make this event a success. I look forward to the next Pop-Up Museum adventure!

*Sue Potechin*



Attendees at the Pop Up Museum reviewing the exhibits



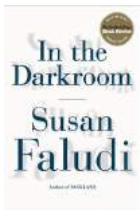
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# Temple Programs

## BOOKS & Bagels

A bagel breakfast at 9:30 a.m. is followed by the book review and discussion. Pre-registration is not required, nor is it necessary to have read the book to enjoy the session. There is no charge but a voluntary donation to cover the cost of breakfast is appreciated.

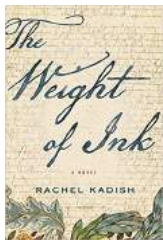
**Sunday, March 24, 2019**



***In the Dark Room*** by Susan Faludi will be reviewed by **Fran Klodawsky**. Fran a Temple member, is a Professor Emerita in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University.

Faludi has written a provoking and intense memoir of her search to know more about her estranged father who has suddenly announced in an email that he had sex reassignment surgery. She investigates identity, family relationships, and nationality.

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**



***The Weight of Ink*** by Rachel Kadish will be reviewed by **Rabbi Steven Garten**. Rabbi Garten is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel and is a well known educator in the community.

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

Most books are available through the Ottawa Public Library and the Greenberg Families Library at the JCC and the Temple library. For more information please contact Shayla Mindell at [shaylamindell@rogers.com](mailto:shaylamindell@rogers.com)



## Bikur Cholim Senior Hanukkah lunch

By all accounts our Bikur Cholim Senior Hanukkah lunch was welcomed with happiness. Everyone enjoyed a lunch of latkes, chicken, dessert, good company and conversation.

Thank you to everyone who came and to all the volunteers who helped in making this a successful event.

*Susan Fried, Event chair*



Deborah Cosman lights the chanukiah while Rabbi Morais, Max Sternthal and luncheon guests sing along.



Attendees and organizers at our Temple Seniors Chanukah lunch. Phyllis Silverman, Deborah Cosman, Jackie Holzman, Patsy Royer, Lynn Dubinsky & Co-ordinator Susan Fried.

Temple Junior Choir getting warmed up !



## Condolences



זכרונם לברכה

*May their memory forever  
be a blessing.*

Condolences are extended to the families of:

**Lynne Young**

**Jules Harris**

**Jacqueline Loeb**, beloved stepmother of Alanna McGeough (Joe McGeogh)

**Juan Berlie**, beloved father of Marie-Carmen Berlie (Charles Khazzam)

**Ernie Potechin**, beloved father of Sue Potechin (Mark Kamins)

**Alma Thyne**, beloved mother of David Thyne

**Tillie Schwartz**, beloved mother of Peni Schwartz (Carole Gagnon)

### Yahrzeit Plaques



Memorialize your loved ones with a purchase of a Yahrzeit Plaque. Donation is \$400 (tax receipt is issued for this amount).

New plaques are installed annually at our 7th day of Passover service. Contact the office for more information or to order.

### Morning Minyan

Join us semi-monthly for our Thursday morning minyan

We begin at 7:30am and conclude by 8:15 am which allows us to start the day with a strong boost of Torah and prayer.

Some people choose to leave immediately after, but we also offer a caffeine boost, a bagel and a little conversation for those who choose to stick around and ease into the morning.

The next minyans will be held:  
January 10 & 24  
February 14 & 28

## Shabbat Oneg

Temple Shabbat Oneg is a wonderful time to catch up with friends and maybe meet some new ones.

Did you know that you can help sponsor an Oneg? Some good reasons to sponsor a kiddush lunch or oneg Shabbat:

- It's your birthday, or your friend's or your pet's etc.
- It's an anniversary of a special event
- In memory of a loved one
- To celebrate a special event
- Because you are a swell person who likes to support your favourite synagogue

Your sponsorship helps to offset the cost of providing the weekly basics and more.

Kiddush sponsors are thanked in our newsletter unless you choose to remain anonymous.

### Thanks to our past Oneg/Kiddush sponsors and co-sponsors:

**Dina Schneider & Matt Wilbur** in honour of their son Jonah's Bar Mitzvah.

**Anne Alper, Zelda Shore, Joyce Pagurek & Michelle Albagli** in memory of Lynne Young

### Erev Shabbat Service

**4th Friday of each month  
at 6:30 pm**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Jan. 25 with Sue Potechin**

**Feb. 22 with the Temple  
Israel Liturgical Choir (TILC)**



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**Join us each month on a musical  
adventure! These services may  
introduce new music, preview  
an upcoming concert, or include a  
musical guest.**



# Temple Programs

A 1918 classic silent movie starring Pola Negri.  
Original sound track written and performed by Klezematics  
co-founder Alicia Svigals with Marilyn Lerner.



Street Scene  
Warsaw Ghetto 1918

**Alicia Svigals - violin**  
**Marilyn Lerner - piano**

Sunday, February 10, 2019 – 2 pm  
Temple Israel 1301 Prince of Wales Dr.

Tickets: \$20; Students \$10  
Advanced ticket purchase (recommended)  
<http://templeisraelottawa.ca/concerts/>  
email: [concerts@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:concerts@templeisraelottawa.ca) phone: 613-224-1802

The classic silent film "The Yellow Ticket" will be screened to a live performance of a new original music score by Klezmer stars Alicia Svigals and Marilyn Lerner. This promises to be an exceptional event. The film, produced in 1918 by Templehof Studios in Berlin, was originally released as "Der Gelbe Schein" (The Devil's Pawn). It stars a young Pola Negri as she was climbing her way from the stages of Warsaw to Hollywood and international stardom. It tells the story of Lea, a young Jewish woman who aspires to study medicine at the academy in St. Petersburg. The film sensitively portrays the anti-semitism prevalent in Russia, which forces Lea to take on a "yellow ticket" - the only document that would allow her, as a Jew and a woman, to reside in St. Petersburg. The "yellow ticket" designated the bearer as a prostitute.

The subject matter of the film is remarkably progressive for the time period, serving as a reminder of how dramatically prevalent attitudes, such as racial prejudice, can shift with political regimes. The Templehof production was shot entirely in Warsaw near the end of the First World War including the Jewish neighbourhood of Nalewki - the Warsaw ghetto - that would later be destroyed along with its inhabitants, some of whom are captured in street scenes in the film. Hitler would later order all copies of the film to be destroyed but one survived in Holland and was recently restored by Kevin Brownlow. This is the version of the film that will be shown with remade English intertitles.

**Alicia Svigals**, an accomplished Klezmer violinist based in New York and co-founder of the "Klezematics", was commissioned in 2013 to write a new musical score for the film by the Foundation for Jewish Culture. Svigals along with jazz pianist **Marilyn Lerner** will be performing this score live during the screening.



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**Boy Wonders**  
Music of Mozart, Beethoven and Shostakovich

**Triptych Piano Trio**  
Thomas Annand - piano  
Laura Nerenberg - violin  
Daniel Parker - cello

Sunday, March 3  
2 pm

**Temple Israel**  
1301 Prince of Wales Dr.

Admission: Adults \$20  
Students - Free

Information:  
email: [concerts@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:concerts@templeisraelottawa.ca) or call 613-224-1802

Mark your calendars!



## Sunday Adult Jewish Exploration

Program will be running with the following schedule:  
Sundays from 10:00 am until 11:30am

January 20, 2019:

### **Tu B'Shevat Seder**

led by Rabbi Morais & Dara Lithwick

February 24, 2019:

### **Kabbalah**

led by Dara Lithwick

March 5, 2019:

### **Prayerbook's Hidden Secrets - Part I**

led by Rabbi Morais

March 31, 2019:

### **Prayerbook's Hidden Secrets - Part II**

led by Dara Lithwick



## Temple Celebrations

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### January Anniversaries

Inbal Marcovitch & Michael Gershuny  
Susan & Brian Gold  
Heidi Garcia Leon & Mario Rodriguez  
Verena & Benjamin Shapiro  
Bobbi & Rick Soderstrom

### February Anniversaries

Marjorie & Elliot Berman  
Heather & Gary Cohen  
Nicole Menard & Bruce Handel  
Amalia & Stanely Winer

## B'nai Mitzvah

Is your child born in 2007?

We are now booking Bar/Bat dates through the end of December 2020.

If the answer is yes, and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact Heather at [execdir@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:execdir@templeisraelottawa.com) to request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements noted on the application form.

## Mazel Tov

Sarah Speevak & Daniel Caron on the birth of their son Noah. Also to the grandparents Paula Speevak and George Sladowski.



Thank you to Julie St. Cyr, TIRS parent, for making this beautiful Chanukah banner for us to enjoy for many years to come!

## For kids & Youth

# JYG

## Junior Youth Group

JOIN US AT

**THE LOFT**  
BOARD GAME LOUNGE

SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH

1-3PM

14 WALLER ST

\$6 play & stay fee  
Drop off and pickup at main entrance

For more information or to RSVP  
Ranit [ranitb@hotmail.com](mailto:ranitb@hotmail.com)

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## Temple Youth Gr. 6-12

# TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

## JYG • FROSTY • TIRS

Monday, January 21st

6:30-830pm

Temple Israel  
1301 Prince of Wales Dr

For more information contact Ranit  
[ranitb@hotmail.com](mailto:ranitb@hotmail.com) or Sue  
[tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca)



# Temple Programs for kids & Youth

**Temple Israel**  
Presents  
**JR. CONGREGATION**  
3rd Shabbat of the month!

**Jan. 19h  
Feb. 16th**

**Ages 5-10 yrs  
10:30-12pm  
1301 Prince of Wales Dr**

**Celebrate Shabbat with exciting activities, games, plays, crafts and food.**  
**Led by Sue, Ranit and our ShinShin, Liam**  
**Kiddush lunch to follow**

**RSVP / INFO** [ranitb@hotmail.com](mailto:ranitb@hotmail.com)

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**  
**JYG**  
The adventure continues!

Warlocks, Dwarfs and Brave Paladins!  
You have succeeded in your first quest. Do you dare to take on another challenge?

Join JYG for our **Second Campaign** **Sunday January 20th**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**\$5.00 for Lunch**  
**1301 Prince of Wales Dr**

For more information or to RSVP please contact Ranit [ranitb@hotmail.com](mailto:ranitb@hotmail.com)

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**JBABY SHABBAT PLAYGROUP**  
**WINTER SCHEDULE**

**JAN. 12  
FEB 9 MAR. 9**

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, PLAY, SNACK AND KVELL.**

**FOR FAMILIES WITH INFANTS - 4 YEAR-OLDS**

**2ND SHABBAT OF EVERY MONTH AT 10:30 AM FOLLOWED BY KIDDUSH LUNCHEON.**

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**RSVP to Ranit at [RanitB@hotmail.com](mailto:RanitB@hotmail.com)**

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You can also call either Sandy or Diane (contact information below) and they will send out a card on your behalf.

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## Mazel Tov to our Spiritual Care Team

Article from the Queensway Carleton Hospital Bulletin

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**In memory of Nancy Bercovitch**  
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**In appreciation to Rabbi Morais**

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### Wishing Kevin Bisback a speedy recovery

*Miriam Salamon & Bob Moon*

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY in Spiritual Care



Top: Susan Fried (L), Hannah London (R), and Sharon Michaelson (M) of our new Jewish Spiritual Care Team. Left: Katie Tate strums her guitar on ACE.

#### Katie: Musical Therapy & Spiritual Care

"Music is a wonderfully universal language. You don't need to be any particular nationality. Babies know music, during your time in the womb there is the heartbeat. And babies don't talk, they sing. You sing before you talk. There's music in every soul, whether it's acknowledged or not."

#### Hannah: Jewish Spiritual Care Team

*Why is diversity important in spiritual care?*

"It is a comfort. It is more like having extended family. When you're sick, and when you're down, it's one more level of comfort being able to speak to someone



Centre: Members of our Muslim Spiritual Care Team pose outside Jami Omar Mosque in Bells Corners. Right: Farid, of our Muslim Spiritual Care Team.

who knows a little bit more of where you're coming from."

#### St. Renee Goupil, Ottawa Catholic Deaf Community

*What are the unique challenges of caring for the deaf community?*

"As a patient's communication diminishes, signing gets more and more difficult to understand. They need to be given enough time to process the information, and maybe some support in doing that."

#### Did you know?

A lot of communication in the deaf community is through finger spelling.

Parkinson's and arthritis can pose particular challenges to members of the deaf community in their efforts to communicate.

#### Saima: Muslim Spiritual Care Team

*Why is diversity important in spiritual care?*

"There are different communities, different languages. So people with the same kind of religion and language, they can feel the feelings. There are more commonalities. There are a lot of first generation immigrants [here]. Even though we don't [always] have the same language, we're still presenting the same culture. When you go and say hi they really appreciate it."

# Yahrzeits

## January 4-5 Va'era

Maurice David Brownstein  
Phillip Dubinsky  
Olga Engel  
Florence Finberg  
Esther Gelfand  
Gerald Gilman  
Max Gross  
Karen Gunn  
Harry Halpern  
Steffi Halton  
Frieda Lillian Lauterman  
Frank Loves  
Alex McKeague  
Nicholas Michelson  
Goldie Moraff  
Arthur Ramsay  
June Rybak  
Joseph Schrier  
Linda Marcia Silverman  
Jay Sokoloff  
Eva Waldman  
Lillian Webber  
Max Webber

## January 11-12 Bo

Remy Albagli  
Estelle Barkun  
Henry Irving Bolker  
Naim Corin  
Joseph Dolgin  
Moe Feldman  
Harold Garten  
Joseph Griffin  
Rennie Grosser  
Eileen Holley  
Dora Kaufman  
Haroun Sasson Khazzam  
Stanley Maddams  
Helen Maslove  
Caroline Murphy  
Helen Parkin  
Myrna Evelyn Potechin  
Zelda Bliss Rabinowitz  
Jack Rachlis  
Benjamin Rappaport  
Ralph Schwartz  
Frank Weinstein  
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Isidore Zackon

## January 18-19 Beshalach

William Asherman  
Sarah Avram  
Bernice Berkowitz  
Aline Gagnon  
Joseph Gibson  
Israel Clarke Kaplan  
Mania Kuhnreich  
Adidi Lukusa  
Esther Malka Portugal  
Mary Potechin  
Mikhail Rogov  
Martin A Schwartz  
Robert Spengel

Hilda Van Straten  
Jack Waldman  
Abraham Wexler

## January 25-26 Yitro

Anne Abrams  
Elsie Baker  
Jacob Chochinov  
Morris Gelfand  
John Ginsburg  
Teena Goldberg  
Martin Grumach  
Hella Hecht  
Igor Livshits  
Harry Lyons (Lubetsky)  
Maurice Miller  
Helga Ron  
Izzie Rosenberg  
Louis Sacks  
Tillie Schneider  
Irwin Singer  
Morris John Spengel  
Shirley Winer

## February 1-2 Mishpatim

Tauba Chochinov  
Mina Dover-Cohen  
Emma Fairhurst  
Charles Fine  
Hugo Fischer  
Clara Pagurek Fishbain  
Andrew Fodor  
Harvey Hacker  
George Karlin  
Solomon Lebofsky  
Leon Leckie  
Roy Nozick  
Anne Taller Saslove  
J. Graham Smith  
Joseph Stein  
Abe Steinberg  
Norma Strum  
Ethel Wallace  
Ida Weinstein  
Berthold Wolff

## February 8-9 Terumah

Rachel Chait  
Frances Ena Cook  
Sarah Gross  
Gerhard Harr  
Roselle Hock  
Beatrice Hock  
Sylvia Margosches  
Haltrecht  
Samuel Paul  
Susan Platt  
Ruth Press  
Barney Ross  
Herbert Rothschild  
Etta Pleet Schleifer

Paul Shore  
Leonard Sherman Shore  
Isaac Stern  
Anne Sternberg  
Mark Tomiuk  
Sylvia Blake Van Praagh  
Issie Werk

## February 15-16 Tetzaveh

Marie Albagli  
Maya Basina  
Eva Fine  
Samuel Frankel  
Lily Garber  
Sylvia Garber-Easdown  
Ruth Gold  
Murray Goldenblatt  
Roy Martin Horovitch  
Sadie Labovitch  
Esther Padolsky  
Evelyn Scales  
Samuel Schrier  
Sarafima Shapiro  
Alvyn Jules Shiller  
Sam Silburt  
Vivian Spilg  
Robert Sully  
Philip Whiteside

## February 22-23 Ki Tisa

Max Alper  
Louisa Chemla  
Joseph Ellenberg  
Harold Sydney Freeman  
Emma Ginsburg  
Baruch Lubell  
Leonna Merson  
Rose Mindell  
Eliot Moraff  
David Polowin  
Isadore Potechin  
Clara Rubenchick  
Samuel Sokoloff  
Fanny Stern  
Hersz Szajnfarder  
Sara Weinberg

## March 1-2 Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim

Lawrence Adams  
Michael Bambiger  
Hyman Barkun  
Abraham Cohen  
Sydney Faibish  
Shlomo Feldberg  
Reuben Fine  
Reuben Fisher  
Morty Greenspon

Alicia Grumach  
Benjamin Heitin  
Judith Jozsef  
Wiktor Kasprowicz  
Leon Leibovitch  
Teresa Terry Schwarzfeld  
Beth Silburt  
Marvin Spector



## Yahrzeit: Remembering on the Anniversary of a Death

Lighting candles and saying Kaddish each year in memory of a loved one.

**Yahrzeit** is a Yiddish word meaning anniversary of a death. It is the yearly anniversary of a loved one's death. Jews observe yahrzeit at home by lighting a special long-burning candle in memory of the deceased and at Temple **yahrzeit** is observed by reciting the Mourner's Kaddish at services. The names of deceased with yahrzeit during the preceeding week are read at our services on Friday nights and Saturdays.

In addition to lighting **yahrzeit** candle many individuals choose to make a donation to mark the observance of a **yahrzeit**. If you would like to make a donation to Temple or sponsor a Kiddush in observance of a loved one, please contact the office.



# Calendar

## January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 24 Tevet	2 25 Tevet	3 26 Tevet	4 27 Tevet Kabbalat Shabbat JBABY at Hillel	5 28 Tevet Torah Study Shabbat Services
6 29 Tevet NO School	7 1 Shevat TIRS	8 2 Shevat	9 3 Shevat TIRS TALMUD CLASS	10 4 Shevat Morning Minyan	11 5 Shevat Kabbalat Shabbat Grade 5 leading Bring your Own Dinner	12 6 Shevat Torah Study Shabbat Services JBABY
13 7 Shevat TIRS JR CHOIR	14 8 Shevat TIRS	15 9 Shevat	16 10 Shevat TIRS TALMUD CLASS	17 11 Shevat BOARD MEETING	18 12 Shevat Kabbalat Shabbat	19 13 Shevat Torah Study Shabbat Services Junior Congregation
20 14 Shevat TIRS SAJE WAMPUM BELT	21 15 Shevat TIRS- Tu B'Shevat Seder during School	22 16 Shevat	23 17 Shevat TIRS TALMUD CLASS	24 18 Shevat Morning Minyan	25 19 Shevat Kabbalat Shabbat TOTally Shabbat	26 20 Shevat Torah Study Shabbat Services
27 21 Shevat TIRS JYG	28 22 Shevat TIRS	29 23 Shevat	30 24 Shevat TIRS TALMUD CLASS	31 25 Shevat		

### TEMPLE VISION STATEMENT

Temple Israel is a vibrant and inclusive Jewish community that welcomes all who seek spiritual connection through the sacred values of Torah, prayer, learning, music, Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness), Tzedakah (Charity) and Tikkun Olam (healing the world).

As an active member of the Union for Reform Judaism, Temple is linked to the Reform movement in North America, Israel and around the world.



# Calendar

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 26 Shevat	2 27 Shevat Torah Study Shabbat Services
3 28 Shevat TIRS SAJE	4 29 Shevat TIRS	5 30 Shevat	6 1 Adar I TIRS TALMUD CLASS	7 2 Adar I	8 3 Adar I Kabbalat Shabbat TIRS Grades 1 & 2 Leading Bring your Own Dinner JBABY at Hillel	9 4 Adar I Torah Study Shabbat Services JBABY
10 5 Adar I TIRS The Yellow Ticket	11 6 Adar I TIRS	12 7 Adar I	13 8 Adar I TIRS TALMUD CLASS	14 9 Adar I Morning Minyan	15 10 Adar I Kabbalat Shabbat	16 11 Adar I Torah Study Shabbat Services Junior Congregation
17 12 Adar I TIRS	18 13 Adar I TIRS	19 14 Adar I	20 15 Adar I TIRS TALMUD CLASS	21 16 Adar I BOARD MEETING	22 17 Adar I Kabbalat Shabbat TOTally Shabbat	23 18 Adar I Torah Study Shabbat Services
24 19 Adar I TIRS SAJE	25 20 Adar I TIRS	26 21 Adar I	27 22 Adar I TIRS	28 23 Adar I Morning Minyan		

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