

Temple Israel Bulletin



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July August 2016

Sivan Tammuz Av 5776

Worship Schedule

Friday, July 1

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, July 2

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Shelach

Friday, July 8

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

7:00 pm

Bring your Own Dinner

Saturday, July 9

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Korach

Thursday, July 14

7:30 am

Morning Minyan

Friday, July 15

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 16

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Chukat

Friday, July 22

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, July 23

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Balak

Thursday, July 28

7:30 am

Morning Minyan

Friday, July 29

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, July 30

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Pinchas

Friday, August 5

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, August 6

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Matot-Masei

Thursday, August 11

7:30 am

Morning Minyan

Friday, August 12

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

7:00 pm

Bring your Own Dinner

Saturday, August 13

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Devarim – Shabbat Chazon

Friday, August 19

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, August 20

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Va'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu

Thursday, August 25

7:30 am

Morning Minyan

Friday, August 26

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, August 27

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Ekev

Friday, September 2

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, September 3

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Re'eh

Thursday, September 8

7:30 am

Morning Minyan

Friday, September 9

6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, September 10

10:15 am

Shabbat Service, Parsha Shoftim

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The sun has been shining bright this summer! There is so much for which to be thankful. Sometimes it is hard for me to believe that I have been here a year.

Several trips to various government offices and a myriad of transfers and details later, Ottawa really does feel like home. It has been an amazing year of transition. Together we have shared beautiful worship experiences. We have celebrated life cycle events, and mourned the loss of precious family and friends. We have engaged in the study of Torah, allowing its wisdom to fill our minds and our hearts. I have enjoyed working with our children and teens. As a congregation, we have developed a new vision for our Temple -- one that will help guide and shape our future.

This coming year promises to be amazing! As a congregation we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. In the coming months there will be many announcements about an incredible variety of programs, events and celebrations that are being planned. One of those opportunities is a congregational trip to Israel – the tentative dates are Sunday March 12

to 22, 2017 – coinciding with March Break. This will be a wonderful experience for both first time Israel travelers as well as those who have visited Israel before. I have led more than a dozen trips there and I am looking forward to experiencing Israel with the Temple Israel community. Stay tuned for details!

It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for the High Holy Days. Music is such an important part of our holiday celebrations. Our choir has been rehearsing all spring and has been working hard on some new selections, as well as our old favourites. Last year we were blessed to have Student Cantor Elaya Jenkins Adelberg with us for the holidays. I am thrilled to announce that Elaya will be returning to Ottawa to be our High Holy Day Cantor this year. Elaya will also be with us for a special Shabbat of song as our Cantor in Residence September 9 – 11, 2016.

I am looking forward to celebrating many beautiful summer Shabbat services with you. If the weather is nice we will hold our Friday evening services outside, truly enjoying God's creation.

See you soon! Shalom,
Rabbi S. Robert Morais

Temple Vision Statement

Temple Israel Ottawa 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.

As a result of the February Vision Workshop involving many Board members and congregants, the Board has approved this Vision Statement, following consultations with the Communications Committee, both Rabbis and President Royer.

The purpose of a Vision Statement is to frame and inform strategic planning. It will be used by the Board and Committees to set direction and filter activities. As a reflection of where we are going and why, we will use it to help explain future changes.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be responsible for the regular review, discussion and revision of the Vision.

President's Message: Patsy Royer



Half a year in, and I am still enjoying this job immensely. Many people are involved in making Temple Israel a real community and as I get to know you better I am delighted that we create a place for people to live their Judaism. Religious School is growing and the kids are happy to be here. Our Youth Group and Camp George provide a

bond for a wonderful group of young people as we saw at the Confirmation on Erev Shavuot. In September they will have the option of continuing in High School courses for Ontario Credits. Rabbi Morais has performed five weddings and has more on the summer schedule. The spring was full of Adult Education, Torah and Talmud study, Book Reviews, musical offerings, and more. Shared activities with other Synagogues have been very successful and the Scots Jews exhibition was an effective collaboration with the Soloway JCC. And our Syrian family, the Al Sahhars, came to Temple on June 4 and were welcomed warmly along with the team that has helped them at every turn, led by Lori and Jordan Rosove.

Your Board of Directors and Committees have been very busy. The first year of the Strategic Plan has been approved and is under way. Communications Committee, chaired by Ezra Miller, is updating our publications, on paper and online. With Pat Dunphy and Margot Montgomery leading the 50th Anniversary plans, there are many more opportunities to get involved for lectures, concerts, study groups, travel, arts events and special dinners! The Nominations Committee, chaired by Miriam Burke, will be in touch with you soon to ask how YOU want to be involved in Temple Israel's operations. Social Action welcomes a new Chair, Pam Cogan. Membership outreach

will be led by Glenn Johnson. Our community garden has made a tentative start behind the Bayit next door. Lots of work to be done on that project planting some quick-growing vegetables for this year and preparing beds for next spring. (Mr. Groundhog is not impressed.)

Temple Israel offers so many opportunities for you to learn and grow, to act Jewishly through our collective strength in Tikkun Olam, Gemilut Chasadim and Tzedakah. If you would like to join Hannah Halpern's team making weekly phone calls to senior members, please let me know. If your green thumb needs exercise, let me know. If you have met people who would be interested in attending any of our services and events, bring them along and we will show them a warm welcome. Remember to look over our great library and use our books, catalogued and cared for by Dar Blue.

Now, here is my wish list. We are looking for leaders of the Education Committee to work with Principal Sue Potechin and the whole school team. We also need a volunteer or team to make the wine for our kiddushes. This job was lovingly done by the late Merle Paquin for many years.

We thank Keith Parks for his years of service to the Temple and welcome Steve Elliott as our new custodian.

I welcome your comments, advice and questions. I am available at president@templeisraelottawa.ca. Have a wonderful, safe summer and we will meet again before the High Holidays when we will be led in prayer by Rabbis Morais and Garten and student cantor Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg with Ellen Asherman and the liturgical choir.

As the Champ said: "Service to others is how you pay your rent for the space you occupy on the earth."

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Ritual Committee News

by Mark Holzman, Acting Chair

As we enter into the quieter summer months, the Ritual Committee reminds everyone that services continue throughout the summer. Please join us for Erev Shabbat, Shabbat morning and bi-weekly Thursday morning minyans. Your presence makes our worship experience special.

TODAH RABBAH (Thank You)

The Ritual Committee wishes to thank everyone who has helped ensure we had meaningful services this year. We say Todah Rabbah (Thank You) to:

- Rabbi Rob Morais for his spiritual guidance and leadership. We have enjoyed working with you during your first year and look forward to many more.
- Rabbi Emeritus Steve Garten for stepping in to provide leadership when asked and for continuing to be a part of our worship at Temple. We hope you are enjoying your new role.
- Our Ba'alei T'fila (Musical Prayer Leaders) coordinated by Sue Potechin. Temple is blessed with this dedicated and talented group who each bring their own personal ruach (spirit) to our worship services.
- Ellen Asherman (Director), Carol Gurofsky (Accompanist) and the members of our Liturgical Choir for enriching our Festival Services with their beautiful music. We have enjoyed hearing familiar tunes and learning some new melodies accompanied by Barbara Crook's guitar.
- Everyone who has read from the Torah and to Sue Gold who coordinates our readers' calendar. Thank you as well to those who have offered a Haftarah and accepted an honour when asked. We hope you have found this mitzvah to be meaningful.
- Sue Potechin, Principal of TIRS, and all of the teachers who have worked with our students to prepare them for participating in our Friday night services. Joining multiple generations together enriches us all and we look forward to the next school year.
- Bernie Gold and his corps of ushers. Your friendly greetings and offers of assistance create a welcoming environment for worship.
- Heather Cohen and Cathy Loves for helping keep us on track and ensuring that we have Onegs and Kiddushes after every service.
- Shiva minyan leaders and minyanaires who ensure that a comforting evening service is provided in the homes of

mourners during Shiva.

- Gerald Halpern for representing Temple on the board of Jewish Memorial Gardens.

Finally, we thank everyone who has attended services this year. Temple Israel is truly a Beit Tefilah (House of Prayer) when we join our voices and hearts together in prayer.

LOOKING FORWARD

We are pleased to announce that Student Cantor Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg will be joining us again for the High Holy Days. Rabbi Morais, Ellen Asherman and Elaya are building on the positive experience last year to further enhance our High Holy Day music and prayer. This past year, the Ritual Committee undertook an assessment of our Shabbat worship. We identified many positive attributes and identified a number of opportunities to build on our strengths. For example, we have changed the seating arrangement for different services. In the area of music, we have begun to incorporate new music and voices while ensuring that we maintain many existing melodies, explain new musical choices and help congregants to learn the new tunes. We were pleased to include guest Cantors and special music in particular services. We recognized that we can find ways to be even more welcoming at services and to help enhance participation in worship at Temple. We will continue to incorporate some new features over the coming months.



Mazel Tov to:

Dolf Hecht on the birth of his great-great-grandson;

Ann Neumann on the birth of her great-great grandson;

Sandy and Al Bennett on the birth of their granddaughter Coraline Olivia Pomerant, daughter of Nikola and Gary Pomerant, May 20, 2016.

Grace and Barrett Brickell on the birth of their grandson Theodore Ferdinand Dolgin, son of Claire Brickell and Elie Dolgin (Marc's great nephew), April 2, 2016.

Temple Israel Religious School Nus...

Wow! I can't believe the school year is already over. And what a year it has been! Here are just a few of the highlights from the end of the year.

In my last article, I mentioned our Kitah Aleph and Bet (Grades 1 and 2) tzedakah project. At our end-of-year assembly, the class presented Donna Strauss from the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank with a cheque for \$500 and the non-perishable foods they had collected as well! This class project was so successful that it will be hard to beat for next year. Yasher Koach to all of the students, their parents that volunteered and contributed in some way, and their amazing staff team, Morah Ranit, Morah Maya A. and Oren.

The Confirmation service that was held on Erev Shavuot was led beautifully by our Grade 10 Confirmants: Steven Angel, David Khazzam, Sarah McKeague, Jacob McKean and Maya Ruckenstein. They spoke about how this reaffirmation of their commitment to Judaism was not likely to be the end of their journey and how close their bond had become with one another, especially in the last couple of years. Mazal tov to the students and their families.

I alluded to change at TIRS for the next school year. First of all, we are embarking on an exciting new adventure in partnership with Torah High. TIRS will offer a satellite location for two courses they do not currently offer (1. Jewish Identity on Monday evenings and 2. Multi-Media from a Jewish Perspective on Wednesday evenings). The biggest advantage for us is that we will now be able to offer high school credits for these courses. For more information, please contact me at tirs@templeisraelottawa.

ca. A special thank you to Miriam Burke for initiating this venture.

Secondly, I will be attending a Jewish Educators' Conference in Israel July 6 – 11th sponsored by the P2G (Partnership Together --- formerly P2K) arm of Federation. While there, I will meet with other Canadian and Israeli educators and plan to return with a partnership with between TIRS and an Israeli school. We have participated in this type of partnership in the past and I am thrilled to be offered this opportunity on behalf of our staff and students.

Our curriculum for 5777 (2016-2017) will be filled with connections to Temple Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations. Our time capsule from years gone by will be opened and refilled with contributions from our current students. We will discover 50 Random Acts of Kindness throughout the year. We will continue to form a connection between older students and our wee ones, between "school and shul," and between TIRS and the work of other committees at Temple Israel (such as Social Action).

My first year as the TIRS Principal was better than I could have ever dreamed. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. I am already talking to new families who are interested in enrolling their children. Please continue to spread the word! As I said in my last article, "Every child should have an opportunity to have an excellent Jewish education and this is the place to come for that!"

Have a wonderful summer!
"Morah Sue"
TIRS Principal



Yahrzeit observance at Temple Israel

A reminder that observance of yahrzeit begins the evening prior to the Hebrew date.

Yahrzeit notices will be sent out by the office, approximately one month prior to the observance, and listings will be made in the appropriate weekly notice and bi-monthly bulletin.

July 1 and 2

Gittle Ginsburg; Gracie Khazzam; Mary Dudar; Leah Finkelstein; Edna Kett; Walter Ephraim Kyle; Rose Rosen; Emily Florence Blair; Ben Malkin; Norman "Babe" Oreck; Edward Polowin; Isaac (Izzy) Morris; Lionel Sussman

July 8 and 9

Edith Kerdman; William Parkin; Robert Farries Tarof; Frances Hashmall; Lydia Pinkus Azimov; Hyman Borshy; Mark Lewis Nozick; Rose Tomkins; Alec Bloom; Ruth Rebecca Corbisiero; Esther Stein; Frederica Sucharczuk; Philip Hauptman; Mina Max; Samuel Bloom; Eleanor Maddams; Sam Schwartz

July 15 & 16

Hannah Chaya Angel; Queenie Davis Gordon, Rona Hollenberg Levenstein; Martin Ginsburg, Claudine Esther Shiller; Joseph Swedlove; Lillian Libbie Freedman; Joyce Loeb, David Rotstein; Albert Goorman; Lisa Beame, Isaac Mendel; Josh Silburt

July 22 & 23

Sophie Corber; Mima Lowenbach; Lily Brauer; Debbie Speevak; Gertrude Hughes; Jack Klein; Clara Anna Albertini Sicuso; Sara Bornfriend; Jennie Goldenblatt; George Liebel; Pinchas Angel; Regina Ann Angel; Yaakov Angel; Rose Ann Angel; Yetta Segal; Elaine Singer

July 29 & 30

Anna Kaufman; Helen Demuth; Robert Levenstein; Norman Bolter; Berel Esrock; Elizabeth Wheat; Joel Brandes; Murray Baslaw; Wilfred Capstick; Jack Mendelsohn; Joseph G Schwartz; Ferenc Andai; Benjamin Schneider; Bessie Shapiro; Claire Mandel; Evan Jerome Weiner; Joseph Freedman

August 5 & 6

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August 12 & 13

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August 19 & 20

Louis Rappaport; Lottie Bambiger; Iris Loves; Belle Weiss; Samuel (Karowlinski) Kalin; Evelyn Asherman; William L. Hersh; Maurice Tarantour

August 26 & 27

Alica Gonda; Robert Lajzerowicz; Joseph Schwartz; Robert Norman Speevak; Ed Tomkins; Mortimer Goldenblatt; Hyman Kerdman; Gordon John O'Neil; Devra Hendelman; Sybille Malkin; Alan Nozick; Margaret Rachlis; Marion Cotsman; Wallace Guberman; Beatrice Nozick; Harte Sol Klyman

September 2 & 3

Jean Bonn; Pearl Bossin; Harry Esrock; James Wheat; Arnold Haltrecht; Sylvia Hartman; Fred Smeltzer; Recia Mendelsohn; Margaret Griffin; Yaghoob Marvizi; Ruth Cox

September 9 & 10

Sylvia Bloom; Jack Corber; Samuel Horovitch; Ruby Smolkin; Audrey Crook; Isadore Garten; Philip Teitelbaum; Pearl Tinkler; Jack Aaron; Helen Janet Bliss; Lily Hislop; Pauline Kell; Abe Padolsky; Louis Rosen; Ida Teshar; Joe Van Praagh; Zelda Brandes; Mollie Heitin; Helen Shusterman; Ethel Konweisser; Harry Goldstein

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A Note from the Temple Israel Communications Committee

Ezra Miller, Chair

How do you like the new logo that Temple has begun using in handouts and email? Developed with the help of Debbie Holzman and Sylvie Royer, it is a variation on the one created by Sonia Tarantour Pearl years ago, one that many Temple members will recognize.

It seemed appropriate for the 50th anniversary celebrations, next year, that Temple should have a new logo that reaches back into its history while looking to the future.

The tree in the logo represents the Torah, the Tree of Life, Eitz Chayim in the Hebrew words. It replicates the motif of Temple's Aron Kodesh (Holy Ark, where the Torah scrolls are kept). Online, in emails, and in selected hardcopy publications, the tree in the logo is a blue that is close to that of techelet, a precious dye which, in ancient times, was derived from a snail. Techelet is mentioned in Sefer Bamidbar (Book of Numbers) ch. 15 which is also the second paragraph of the Sh'ma, as well as elsewhere in the Tanakh. The stripes on the talit and on the flag of Israel are this colour blue.

Temple Israel's Communications Committee has been hard at work developing new content to share information and ideas. Many Temple members will be familiar with our congregation's new Facebook group as well as other social media such as Twitter. A revised "Shalom" brochure will soon be printed to introduce our congregation to newcomers and a new brochure to explain the Shabbat service to guests is in the works. Another current focus is improvement to the Temple website.

Many thanks to: Debbie Holzman for maintaining and improving the Temple website; Glenn Johnson for creating and managing Temple's Facebook group and social media presence; all the other committee members – Pat Dunphy, Shaina Lipsey, Margot Montgomery and Louise Rachlis; Executive Director Heather Cohen and Administration Officer Cathy Loves; President Patsy Royer; School Principal Sue Potechin; and Rabbi Morais for his guidance and inspiration. Stay tuned for more from Temple's Communications Committee in the months to come.

Temple Israel



Celebrating 50 Years

Members of the Membership Task Force (MTF)

This is an opportunity to lend your talents to strengthening Temple's inclusive Jewish community that welcomes all who seek spiritual connection.

Temple is inviting members to take part in a Membership 18-24 months (June 16 to Dec 17). The committee members will tackle the challenge of developing new strategies to retain and increase membership and volunteer engagement.

This is a key part of the first year Strategic Implementation Plan. Initially the MTF will develop a strategy to retain members and reduce financial obstacles to Temple membership. Year 2 (2017) will focus on implementation.

For more information, contact Glenn Johnson, Task Force Chair, or Margot Montgomery or Jim Farrow, Co-Chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Please consider contributing to this important challenge for the future of our shul.



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July Anniversaries

Sheila and Morton Baslaw; Anna Krieg and Mark Chodos; Janet and Eric Cohen; Rosalind Conway and David McKercher; Luana and David Cotsman; Brandi and Terry Cowl; Deborah Gorham and Toby Gelfand; Robin Chernick and Norm Leckie; Karen Marcus and Roland Collins; Polly and Jack Moran; Joyce and Bernard Pagurek; Cheryl Pagurek and Stephen Van Mossel; Lori and Jordan Rosove; Debra Smeltzer and Jay Saslove; Zelda and Stephen Shore; Diana Kaan and Leonard Stern; Margo and Norman Viner; Avital Winer and Alain Boucher.

August Anniversaries

Constantina and Ken Ages; Jasmine Albagli and Peter Hansen; Arlene and David Angel-Blair; Estelle and Sydney Backman; Lynn and Leonard Bloom; Hal Burnham and Kevin Bisback; Laurie and William Chochinov; Joanne and Harvey Frankel; Jessica Walker and Micah Garten; Sophia and Michael Gertsman; Heather Gilman and Tony Shewchenko; Cheryle and Manny Gluck; Jessica Gluss and Owen Purcell-Sutherland; Kim Doran and David Goldstein; Barbara Crook and Daniel Greenberg; Christine and Garry Kessler; Nicolette and Tom Kovesi; Daniella Sandre and Paul-Michael Litowitz; Orly Rumstein McKean and Greg McKean; Dina and Michael Namer; Sue Potechin and Mark Kamins; Louise and Lorne Rachlis; Fortunee and William Shugar; Andrea and Yaron Spanglet; Roz and Fred Tabachnick; Jennifer Tarof Burns and Kyle Burns; Julie and Hillel Taub; Alisa Viner and Jeff Wheeldon; Nancy Maddams and Lorne Weiner; Julia Weizel and Olivier Saintonge; Alexandra and Charles Wexler; Dina Schneider and Matt Wilbur.

An Irish Passover 'different' and yet 'very much the same'

By Emma Khazzam

Every Passover, I help my parents prepare for our Seder. Every Passover, I set the table and welcome the guests. Why was this Passover different from every other Passover?

For this year's Passover to be like to all other Passovers, I would have had to travel for 742 km to be home, set the table and welcome our guests.

Instead, this year I was welcomed into a home in Goleen, Ireland, very close to the farm that I am volunteering in this spring. I had been told that there were no Jews in the south-western tip of the country, but thanks to Rabbi Morais of Temple Israel Ottawa, and Rabbi Julia Neuberger of Ireland, I was able to find a Passover Seder a few kilometers away from the farm where I am living this month of Nissan.

When I arrived at the cozy home of my host, Richard, I didn't know what to expect. As I entered, I was immediately welcomed as part of the family and was able to settle into a role similar to the one I have at home. I helped set the table, I prepared dessert and welcomed the remaining guests. Even though I was halfway across the world, the Seder was familiar, the dinner was delicious, and the conversation was that of old friends.

One of the main themes of Passover is that the Jewish people recognize their unity under one God. This experience in Ireland, confirms to me, that no matter where we go, we, the Jewish People, are united.

This Passover night was indeed different from all other nights, and yet, this Passover was very much like all other Passovers.

This October marks the beginning of Temple Israel's 50th Anniversary Year, which will continue through until the fall of 2017. The 50th Anniversary Working and Steering Groups have been hard at work assembling a slate of activities.

Take a look at the list below for a taste of the many festivities and special activities planned. Details will be provided in future Bulletins and weekly emails.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the kick-off musical event on **Saturday October 15, 2016** in the evening: A concert by **Josh Dolgin** featuring Yiddish music in Temple's Social hall. Josh Dolgin is an accomplished Canadian musician and record producer. A two-time Juno award nominee, Josh (aka So-called) is known for his eclectic mix of klezmer, hip hop and other styles such as drum and bass, and folk music. Now living in Montreal, Josh is Temple 'family' as he grew up in Ottawa and attended Temple Israel Religious School. His parents, Marc and AC are active Temple members. L'dor Vador indeed! Join us for what will be a wonderful concert - tickets for sale soon!

The co-chairs want to say a big **Todah Rabbah** to everyone in the Working and Steering groups who have given their time and energy to help make this happen.

Now we need your help in realizing these exciting plans. Here is a list of the projects with the lead person's name/email – please contact the project leads directly to get involved. **We are operating within a very limited budget and would welcome sponsorship of any of these events.** We need everyone's help in making this year a success!

List of Event and Activities (Please note: Dates indicated are subject to change.)

Josh Dolgin Concert – Saturday evening October 15, 2016

An evening of Yiddish music at Temple to kick off the year of celebration.

Lead(s): Shaina Lipsey (slipsey1238@gmail.com) and Pat Dunphy (patdunphy84@gmail.com)

Temple Video History Project

Compilation of video clips from 25 hours of interviews with Temple leaders.

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Lead: Marc Dolgin (dolgin@sympatico.ca)

Temple's Got Talent – April 30, 2017

Artisan fair and tea room to showcase Temple's arts community.

Lead(s): Joyce Pagurek (pagurek@hotmail.com) and Roz Tabachnick

Temple's Got Talent - Authors – Date: TBC

Event showcasing Temple's authors (in lieu of one Books n' Bagels event).

Lead(s): Anne Alper (alpera@rogers.com)

Baby Quilts – ongoing throughout the year

Engage Temple community in making 50 baby quilts for Israel.

Lead: Merle Haltrecht-Matte
(merle.haltrecht@opera.ncf.ca)

Reunion Choir – May 13, 2017 (TBC)

Current and former choir members reunite to sing two or three songs at a Shabbat service.

Lead: Ellen Asherman (asherm_e@bell.net)

Monthly Temple Leaders' Memories Shabbat – ongoing

Past Temple lay leaders to share their Temple memories at services.

Lead: Rabbi Emeritus Steve Garten
(rabbishg@rogers.com)

Ethnic Shabbat Potluck Dinners – Nov, Feb, May (TBC)

Celebrating Temple's diverse congregation with potluck dinners with geographic themes (e.g. Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Latin America)

Lead: Hillel Taub (hilleltaub@yahoo.ca)

High Profile Speaker(s) – Dates TBC

High-profile speaker or speakers from national political scene or Jewish community.

Lead: Rabbi Morais
(rabbimorais@templeisraelottawa.com)

Speaker Panel – Nov-Dec, Jan-Feb, May TBC

"Thinking about social action: The next 50 years." A series of three or four panel discussions on issues of current and future importance to Temple members and members of the larger Jewish community.

Lead: Fran Klodawsky
(FranKlodawsky@cunet.carleton.ca)

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Special Yizkor Service – April 17, 2017

(7th day of Pesach)

Focus on Temple's founders and early members.

Lead: Margo Rosen (mrosen733@yahoo.co)

Speaker: Zafra Lerman, Malta Conference – Saturday evening, January 7, 2017

A presentation to the Jewish community: "Science as a Bridge to Peace". (This event has been sponsored.)

Lead(s): 50thanniversary@templeisraelottawa.ca with Howard Alper

Temple Israel Religious School and FROSTY events: ongoing

- 50 Random Acts of Kindness
- FROSTY alumnae Homecoming Shul-in – May 2017
- FROSTY Regional Event - Mar 2017
- Shabbat Shira Participation – Feb 11, 2017
- Linking Confirmands – Shavuot 2017

Leads: Sue Potechin, Principal TIRS (tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca) and Michael Parkin (parkin.michael@gmail.com)

Discovering Temple Judaica – ongoing

Photographing and documenting TI Judaica from the sanctuary and outside to produce a memorial book.

Lead: Laurie Dougherty (laurie.dougherty@sympatico.ca)

Temple Israel Fun Facts – ongoing

Weekly facts about Temple and our history published in ebulletin

Lead: Mark Holzman (holzman.mark@gmail.com)

Special Shabbat Service for the 50th – Oct-Nov, 2016
TBC

Lead: Rabbi Morais

We are also looking into special commemorative kippot for the 50th.

- Pat Dunphy and Margot Montgomery, 50th Anniversary Co-chairs



Mazal Tov to Merle Haltrecht-Matte, recipient of the 2016 Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award:

Volunteering is part of Merle Haltrecht-Matte's DNA

By Louise Rachlis

Being a volunteer comes naturally to Merle Haltrecht-Matte, a member of Temple Israel.

She knits kippot for Israeli soldiers, she crochets milk bags into sleeping mats for Haiti, she makes weekly Shalom calls, she has organized several lunches for senior congregants at Temple Israel, she helps Israeli students practise their English for IsraelConnect, she has tutored refugees and students, and volunteered for the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank.



Merle received the Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award at the Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, Wednesday, June 15, at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC). The award recognizes an outstanding volunteer whose many years of service have contributed to the enrichment of Jewish life in Ottawa.

Merle retired from teaching in 2002, and over time has worn many volunteer hats throughout her professional and personal life.

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"I remember Sunday afternoons as a teenager going with a Jewish group to play with children in a group home," she said. "I received a cup for doing it. My mother and grandmother did a lot of volunteering, so it's in my DNA."

In 2008, Merle initiated Temple Israel's Baby Quilt Project, which has made more than 1,000 baby quilts that have been sent to Israel. Merle coordinated the 40th Anniversary weekend in 2006, she chaired Temple's Social Action Committee for several years, and served on the congregation's Board of Directors under five presidents. She has accompanied Temple Israel Religious School Grade 10 students on a trip to Israel.

In her nomination letter, Sarah Gordon of IsraelConnect described Merle as "an incredibly competent and gifted leader who simply does not know the word 'no' when it comes to volunteering."

"I think everybody should find something they really like doing," said Haltrecht-Matte. "They might not know they like working with older people, or helping make quilts until they try it. You can volunteer as an individual or you can volunteer in a group, but it has to be rewarding to yourself."

For example, she points to her volunteer service as an Alzheimer Society support group facilitator.

"I didn't know I'd like that, but I took the training and I've been doing it for over 10 years. Find the right thing that works for you."

If you'd asked her in 2008 if she wanted to make 1,000 baby quilts, Haltrecht-Matte says she would have said, "That's impossible; however, after having coordinated the large quilt for the Temple's 40th anniversary, I decided to make smaller quilts and the idea of sending 60 quilts to Israel to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel was born. And that turned into over 1,000."

Her latest volunteer project was curating the photo exhibit of Scottish Jewry in partnership with the SJCC for a three-week run, May 15 to June 17.

What's next for Merle?

"What I like about this kind of volunteering is that such projects are for a limited time. Then I like to move on to

another one! I have dreams about these events; they are on my mind when I go to sleep at night."

This article first appeared in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.



Cemetery Questions?

Please contact Jewish Memorial Gardens Executive Director, Tammy Torontow at 613-688-3530 Option #1.

Bat/Bar Mitzvah Booking

Is your child born in 2006?

If the answer is yes, and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact the office at reception@templeisraelottawa.com to request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements noted on the application form

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Calendar

JULY 2016	20 SIVAN -	25 TAMMUZ	5776			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					JULY 1 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	JULY 2 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
					25 SIVAN	26 SIVAN
3	4	5	6 10:00 AM TALMUD STUDY	7	8 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 7:00 PM	9 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
27 SIVAN	28 SIVAN	29 SIVAN	30 SIVAN	1 TAMMUZ	2 TAMMUZ	3 TAMMUZ
10	11	12	13 10:00 AM TALMUD STUDY	14 MINYAN 7:30 AM	15 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	16 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
4 TAMMUZ	5 TAMMUZ	6 TAMMUZ	7 TAMMUZ	8 TAMMUZ	9 TAMMUZ	10 TAMMUZ
17	18	19	20 10:00 AM TALMUD STUDY	21	22 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	23 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
11 TAMMUZ	12 TAMMUZ	13 TAMMUZ	14 TAMMUZ	15 TAMMUZ	16 TAMMUZ	17 TAMMUZ
24	25	26	27 10:00 AM TALMUD STUDY	28 MINYAN 7:30 AM	29 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	30 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
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JULY 31						
25 TAMMUZ						

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AUGUST 2016	26 TAMMUZ-	30 AV	5776			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	AUGUST 1	2	3	4	5 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	6 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
	26 TAMMUZ	27 TAMMUZ	28 TAMMUZ	29 TAMMUZ	1 AV	2 AV
7	8	9	10	11 MINYAN 7:30 AM	12 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 7:00 PM	13 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
3 AV	4 AV	5 AV	6 AV	7 AV	8 AV	9 AV
14	15	16	17	18	19 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM	20 TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM
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28	29	30	31			
24 AV	25 AV	26 AV	27 AV			

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TIRS CALENDAR 5777 (2016 - 2017)

Temple Israel



Celebrating 50 Years

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613-224-3133; fax 613-224-0707

tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca

<http://templeisraelottawa.ca/religious-school>

www.facebook.com/lamdenutirs

SUNDAYS JK - Grade 6 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	MONDAYS Grades 7 – 10 + Torah High 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	WEDNESDAYS Gr 2 – 6: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm TIRS-Torah High: 6:00 – 8:15 pm	FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS 6:15 pm Dinner Service 10:15 am Morning Service
SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
11 FIRST SUNDAY	12 FIRST MONDAY	14 FIRST WEDNESDAY	16
18 Field Trip to Orchard TBC	19	21	23
25	26	28	30
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
2 Erev Rosh Hashanah	3 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah	5	7
9 NO SCHOOL Civic Holiday	10 NO SCHOOL Civic Holiday	12 NO SCHOOL Yom Kippur	14
16 Succah Decorating	17 Pizza in the Hut with FROSTY/JYG	19	21
23 Consecration in Eve	24	26	28
30	31		
NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
	Holocaust Education Month	2	4
6	7	9	11 Grade 6 Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
13	14	16	18-19 *TIRS/TH Shul-In (lead am)
20	21	23	*19 PJ Library Havdalah 5-7 pm
27	28	30	
DECEMBER	DECEMBER	DECEMBER	DECEMBER
4	5	7	9 JK and SK Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
11	12	14	16-17 *Grade 7 leading service on 17 th
18	19	21	23
25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	30
JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	6
8 SCHOOL RESUMES	9 SCHOOL RESUMES	11 SCHOOL RESUMES	13 Grade 4 Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
15	16	18	20
22	23 *Special Grade 7 & 8 program	25	27
29	30 *Special PD Day Program TIRS/TH		
FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY
		1	3
5 JFO Mitzvah Day (at JCC)?	6	8	10 Grade 5 Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
12 Tu B'Shvat Program	13 Tu B'Shvat Seder	15	17
19 NO SCHOOL FAMILY DAY	20 NO SCHOOL FAMILY DAY	22	24
26	27		
MARCH	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH
		1	3
5	6	8	10
12 NO SCHOOL MARCH BREAK	13 NO SCHOOL MARCH BREAK	15 NO SCHOOL MARCH BREAK	17
19 NO SCHOOL MARCH BREAK	20	22	24
26	27	29	31
APRIL	APRIL	APRIL	APRIL
2	3 Chocolate Seder with FROSTY/JYG	5	7 Grade 1-2/Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
9	10 NO SCHOOL 1 st Seder	12 Passover: No Chametz	14
16 NO SCHOOL Civic Holiday	17 NO SCHOOL Pesach Day 7	19	21
23	24 (Yom Hashoa)	26	28
30 Yamei Zikaron/Ha'atzmaut			
MAY	MAY	MAY	MAY
	1 Yamei Zikaron / Ha'atzmaut	3	5
7	8	10	12 Grade 3/Kabbalat Shabbat/Dinner
14 Lag Ba'Omer Program	15	17	19
21 NO SCHOOL Civic Holiday	22 NO SCHOOL Civic Holiday	24 LAST WEDNESDAY Yom Yerushalayim	26
28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	29 LAST DAY HIGH SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL Shavuot	

JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS: All students are encouraged to attend:

- Sunday, October 23, 2016 - Simchat Torah Celebration & Consecration (SK - Gr 12)
- Saturday, March 11, 2017 - Purim Celebration (JK - Gr 12 time TBA)
- Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - Please DO NOT bring chametz (bread products, etc.) for snack during Passover. (Gr 2 – 12)
- Tuesday, May 30, 2017 - Confirmation, Erev Shavuot evening services at 6:15 pm (SK – Gr 12 and entire congregation)

TIRS-TORAH HIGH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *November 18 – 19: Shul-In at Temple Israel (includes leading services Nov. 19 and mid-term presentations)
- *January 30: Special PD Day Classes from 1:00 – 8:30 pm