

Temple Israel Bulletin



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PURIM WARS

WED MARCH 23, 2016

4:30 - FAMILY PROGRAM HOSTED BY TIRS

6:00 - PURIM PIZZA DINNER (RSVP REQUIRED)

7:00 - MEGILLAH READING AND SHPIEL

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March, April 2016

Adar 1, Adar 2, Nisan 5776

Worship Schedule

MARCH

Friday, March 4 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, March 5 10:15 am Vayakhel	Shabbat Service, Parsha
	Shabbat Shekalim
Friday, March 11 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service Bring your Own Dinner Quilts, celebrating making 1000 quilts
Saturday, March 12 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Pekude
Friday, March 18 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 19 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Vayikra Shabbat Zachor
Friday, March 25 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, March 26 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Tzav

APRIL

Friday, April 1 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, April 2 10:15 am Shabbat Parah	Shabbat Service, Parsha Shemini
Friday, April 8 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service Grade 5's leading. Bring your Own Dinner
7:00 pm Saturday, April 9 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Tazria Shabbat Hachodesh
Friday, April 15 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, April 16 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Metzora Shabbat Hagadol
Friday, April 22 4:30 pm Pesach	Kabbalat Shabbat service, Erev
Saturday, April 23 10:15 am 6:00 pm	Shabbat Passover Service, Passover Temple Israel Second Seder Dinner
Friday, April 29 9:00 am	7th Day Passover service & Yizkor
Friday, April 29 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, April 30 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Passover
Friday, May 6 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service – Yom Hashoah
Saturday, May 7 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Acharei Mot Bar Mitzvah of Jared Scheinberg

SEMI-MONTHLY THURSDAY MORNING MINYANS 7:30 AM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

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THURSDAY MARCH 10
THURSDAY MARCH 24
THURSDAY APRIL 14
THURSDAY APRIL 28

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Purim – Wednesday March 23

Growing up, I looked forward to Purim more than any other Jewish holiday. It was the one time in the year when we kids ruled the otherwise sombre sacred space of our temple's sanctuary. For generations, Purim has been a time to turn everything on its head. In the middle ages, rabbis wrote spoofs and rhymes about the characters in the Purim story. For generations, Purim has been the one time of the year when everyone can just let loose and have a good time.

This year I hope you will join us for a wonderful Purim evening. If you have young children, our Temple Israel Religious School has planned a fantastic series of Purim events and activities. The fun begins at 4:30pm. At 6pm everyone is invited to a Purim Pizza Party! (RSVP required – TIRS@templeisraelottawa.ca). Then at 7pm we will hold our Purim Shpiel and reading of the Megillah. This year our shpiel will be.... Purim Wars – and feature such wonderful characters as Darth Haman, Lei-Esther and Chaiwalker. We will intersperse reading of the Megillah throughout the Shpiel. Of course no Purim celebration would be complete without tasting some delicious Hamantaschen!

One of the great Purim traditions is the noisemaker, or "Grogger". As we read the Megillah and the story of Purim unfolds, we cheer when Mordechai's name is read and use this strange musical instrument when we hear the name of the evil Haman. Some scholars believe that the Grogger comes from 13th Century France and Germany. For centuries, they have been used to engage everyone in the story of Purim.

Though most everyone likes the Grogger, in fact, one notable character, Dr. Seuss' the Grinch, does not like it one bit:

".... All the Jew girls and boys, would go to hear Megillah, and they'd make lots of noise!

Every time they hear Haman, they'd take out their toys!

And then! Oh the noise! Oh, the Noise! Noise! Noise! Noise!

That's one thing he hated! The NOISE! NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!"

Freedom – for us and for everyone! Congregation Second Seder – Saturday April 23rd

Just a month after Purim, we will join together to celebrate Pass-over / Pesach. Our yearly opportunity to celebrate our freedom. Each year we re-enact our journey from the slavery in Egypt to becoming the free People of Israel. This year our celebrations will be even over blessed. In February, after many delays, the Syrian family that Temple Israel is sponsoring arrived in Ottawa. I had the opportunity to meet with them shortly after they arrived. They are so deeply appreciative of all our efforts. As we gather for Pass-over / Pesach and celebrate our freedoms, please take a moment to think about all those who continue to live under oppressive regimes.

I hope you will join us for our congregational second Seder. Please see your weekly emails and the bulletin for information.

Looking forward to seeing you at Temple!

Rabbi .S. Robert Morais

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From the Pulpit



Shalom,

Angus Smith and I have spent the last three weeks in Israel. It is the first time in 12 years that I have travelled here without a structured programme. No tour to lead, no conference to attend, in practical terms no agenda to follow. Rather than script a diary about our excellent adventures I have decided to share some experiences and perceptions

We are in Jerusalem. We visit Yad L'Kashis, life line for the elderly. Everyone is a bit down. The old people are reflecting the weather it is cold and rainy and many of the peers have not shown up. We say hello to the director, Nava, who I have known for decades. She is down. Tourism, especially Jewish tourism, is non-existent. That means the gift shop has few buyers and fewer tourists means less donations. The dearth of tourism is palpable here. Stores are empty, except for teenagers. Stores are closing. Angus wants an army shirt for his son. We enter an Army/Navy store. What ensues is a long discussion in Hebrew and English about a tourist who bought an expandable baton, police caliber, which he takes on his visit to the old city. He is afraid for his life. We feel no such fear, but perhaps we read the paper and realize only soldiers or West Bank settlers are targets. The holy city feels safe and sacred on Shabbat. We walk the streets nodding Shabbat Shalom to all. We have ended up in the great synagogue for Shabbat morning. The singing by the all male choir and the chazzan of a piece written by Debbie Freidman, L'DorVDor, says it all. An orthodox soul singing a melody by a bisexual woman. Peace cannot be far away. Oh yes we went to Mea shearing. Angus bought a tallit from a relative of Rabbi Berger Z'l. Small Jewish world. Just when despair of meeting anyone I know in Jerusalem, for the very first time, I run into a classmate. He tells me of another classmate who made Aliyah in '81 that needs a call. Three of us who met 45 years ago here in Jerusalem connecting once more. You could not write this kind of stuff

Four days earlier we served as volunteers on a secret Army base known as Shimshon. Now I will have to kill all who read this. We were part of the Sar El programme. Two weeks living in Army barracks, eating Army food, wearing Tzahal uniforms. If you want to feel this country go to flag raising on a Monday morning. Almost 175 teenagers forced to put away their cell phones, fix their berets, stand at attention, salute the flag and sing Hatikvah. They really don't sing, they are teenagers they would be embarrassed to sing out loud. But we ten volunteers sing loudly. Like a hockey game only the old and self-confident sing out loud. The flag rises and there is a moment when we look to the mountains where we know that Lebanon is and wonder what their teenagers are doing at this moment. Are they looking to be any place but in uniform. Do they feel the imperative to protect their land with their lives, or do they simply hate us?

We go to work in the electronics laboratory. This week our bosses will be yeshiva students who have voted with their feet to be part of the country. They love this country. They just wish everybody was more religious. They laugh at my quoting Torah and when I tell them I teach Talmud. They are intrigued by Angus' work and his name. My boss decides that I look like Moses and speak Hebrew like Moses so he calls me Moses. I call him Joshua my servant. It is a wonderful two weeks in the Army we have reconditioned 200 tank commander helmets and 45 antenna vehicle mounts. We have saved the army from incompetence. We both pray that our work will never see action.

One final experience amongst many. We watched a movie on the

army base called "Under the Helmet"

It is the story of five kids training to be paratroopers. Even Angus got tears in his eyes when the kids speak about knowing that putting on the uniform is acknowledgment that they may die in battle. Kids like our kids tasked with preserving this strange, unfathomable, often self-destructive, wonderful, magical, mystical place. For a moment all politics are forgotten and there is only Am Yisrael.

Angus says he wants to do this again. I'm not sure that sequels ever work but like Star Wars, Star Trek, Fast and Furious, Dumb and Dumber I might be convinced that there is another story yet to be told.

Written at the Har Herzl cemetery

Rabbi Steven Garten



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These are exciting times. Spring is in the air and a spirit of renewal can be felt at Temple Israel. On Sunday, Feb. 21, over 30 congregants attended a successful workshop to create a new Vision Statement for our sacred community. Led by Rabbi Morais, we worked to create a short statement of our most important values and what makes our Reform Jewish family unique in Ottawa. As we produce new brochures and images for our publications and electronic media, this Vision will be widely shared.

As our various committees and the Board of Directors plan and carry out

Temple projects, the statement will guide them. The question will be "How does this project take us towards our Vision?"

We also explored three important topics: Governance, Membership and Communications. The participants made thoughtful comments and brought out problems that need solving and suggestions to bring about change. The spirit of collaboration and creative thinking filled the room.

Reports from the meeting will be on the website soon, and there is an opportunity for ongoing comment and discussion from every member on line. I would like to thank the members of the Long Term Planning committee, led by Margot Montgomery and James

Farrow, for preparing the meeting and for all their efforts going forward.

Our family of refugees from Syria has now arrived in Ottawa and they are comfortably settled in their apartment. I would like to thank the members of the Syrian Refugee Committee and Social Action Committee, under the gracious leadership of Lori and Jordan Rosove, numbers of which are too many to mention here, who have pulled together to provide a safe and healthy new home for the Al Sahhar family of five; they have done a great mitzvah for a family in need. Mr. Ziad Al Sahhar attended Friday prayers at the Cordova Mosque along with eight Temple members and was welcomed there as well.

Social Action, the process of Tikun Olam, repairing the world, is one of the values we cherish at Temple Israel. Our committee needs more members and renewed leadership as the present Chairs will be retiring. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the Temple office to volunteer your time and energy on the Social Action committee or any other committee that interests you.

Members who have great ideas and experience at inviting and engaging potential members are also being sought. Statistics show that there are many non-affiliated Jews in Ottawa. Needed are creative ways to bring them into Temple Israel's sacred community. There are many ways of 'doing' Jewish, and I look forward to exploring them with you.

Patsy Royer

Report for Temple Bulletin on Visioning Session

Over 30 people attended a special planning meeting on Sunday Feb 21 – the topic – **A Vision for Temple in 2020.**

After introductions by President Patsy Royer and the D'Var Torah by Rabbi Morais, Rabbi then introduced the concept of a vision statement and facilitated a group brainstorming session to identify the key words describing our Temple Israel "Vision" for 2020. Small groups then worked on 10 different draft vision statements, which were reviewed and once posted on the wall, were voted on by those in attendance to determine the top 3 favourites for closer discussion and analysis. In this work, participants were both positive and creative and lots of great suggestions were articulated.

Many suggested vision statements included similar key words such as "diverse", "community", "celebrate", "egalitarian", "inclusive", "reform" "spiritual", "be jewish" "sacred values", "meaningful connection" "engagement" and many more.

The Strategic Planning Committee will consider all proposed statements and key words and attempt to craft a more succinct vision statement to review at a later date. This will be a challenge and require feed back from the community. Stay tuned!

The second phase of the afternoon involved the group in one of 3 discussion groups to discuss ways to improve issues around 3 key strategic objectives identified by the Strategic Planning Committee. The three objectives are:

- Membership
- Governance
- Communication

After a good discussion, each group presented through a volunteer spokesperson to all those in attendance. Notes were kept for the strategic planning committee to take back and integrate into their ongoing work.

Much discussion, laughter and hard work was shared. The 'As-was-heard' record of the day is posted on the Temple Members' Web Site in the Strategic Planning Committee section. This includes the agenda, presentation, 2005 Temple Vision, key vision words, the draft vision statements, and the proposed strategies.

Special thanks go to the organizers, which included members of the Strategic Planning committee, Temple staff, and particularly the small group leaders – both facilitators and reporters, some of whom volunteered on short notice. We hope all who attended found the session useful and engaging.

The work continues with the Strategic Planning Committee who will be following up with polishing a final vision statement and proposing a strategic implementation plan for Board approval this spring that addresses the identified governance-membership-communications issues.

Comments, suggestions and ideas are welcomed. Please navigate to the Members' web site or send a comment. As an alternative, you can send an email to SP@templeisraelottawa.ca to reach Jim Farrow, Co-Chair. You can also approach any of the Strategic Planning Committee Members should you encounter them at an event.

Report prepared by Jim Farrow, Co-Chair,
Strategic Planning Committee

Strategic Planning Committee Members:

Jim Farrow and Margot Montgomery, Co-Chairs, Dave Barrows, Natalie Brender, Alison Harding-Shogilev, Norm Leckie, Lorne Rachlis
Ex-officio: Patsy Royer
Staff: Heather Cohen, Rabbi Morais,

Temple Israel Religious School



Sunday, March 20th:

Community Wide Purim Carnival at the SJCC from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. All elementary aged children are invited to attend. Teenagers may volunteer for community service hours or Torah High points.

Wednesday, March 23rd:

Erev Purim Carnival at TIRS for JK - Grade 6 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm (during school time). Stations include face painting, hamentashen making, noise makers, games, etc. And of course we'll have a Purim shpiel (play). Parents are welcome to stay. Don't forget to come in costume! Please join our Temple Israel Family for a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm. RSVP required to tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca for those coming for dinner. \$5/person or \$20/family (can be paid at the dinner).

There is NO school on:

March 13, 14, 16, and 20
(March Break)
March 27 and 28
(Civic Holiday Weekend)

There IS school on:

Sunday: March 6
Mondays: March 7 and 21
Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 23, and 30

Friday, April 8th:

Please join Grade 5 at Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:15 pm when they will help to lead.

Monday, April 18th:

All Temple youth (not necessarily in TIRS, FROSTY or our JYG) are invited for a Chocolate Seder from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. RSVP to tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca



Mazel Tov to:

Len and Diana Heitin
on the engagement of
their son Joel Alexander
to Julie Wajeman.
Wedding to take place in
Toronto on April 17.

Judy Snider and Jeremy Wallis on their marriage.

Prayerbook dedications

A Prayerbook has been donated in observance of the Yahrzeit of Leonna Merson, by Jim Merson.

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.

March 4 & 5

Michael Bambiger; Reuben Fine; Reuben Fisher; Samuel Smolkin; Abraham Cohen; Esther Rivka Goldstein; Wiktor Kasproicz; Leon Leibovitch; Sydney Faibish; Harold Pearl; Teresa Terry Schwarzfeld; Isobel Shirlee Goodman; Benjamin Heitin; Judit Jozsef; James Bisback; Beth Silburt

March 11 & 12

Ruth Backman; Lillian Borshy; Max Michaelson; Maria Van der Hoff; Rachel Catran; Maxwell Gordon; Marvin William Jason; Sylvia Weinstein; Sarah Portigal; Moses Sadowski; George Klein; Theresa Mortimer; Simon Reisman; Eli Braileanu

March 18 & 19

Myriam Chumec Marshall; Anne O'Neil; Berta Sonnino; Jacob Kummermann; Wilma Gordon; Joseph Fine; Annie Rena Finn

March 25 & 26

Lawrence Tomiuk; Joseph Bambiger; Jean E. Dunphy; Chadvereh Wolch; Edward Cohen; Elisabeth Frankel Kane; Meta Kasproicz; Wallace James Paquin; Steve Angel; Shomero Garcia Alvarado; Madeline Wylie; Sophie Ruth Noble

April 1 & 2

Aaron Shabsove; Erik Weiss; Albert Sheldon Wener; Sam Werk; Rose Goldstein; Isaac Labow; Alec Dollin

April 8 & 9

Harry Goodman; Simon Paknadel; Hana Sharon; John Gorham; Eva Michelson; Ethel Ettie Beare; Arthur Calvin Farrow; Simon Tureanu; Lillian Gold Freeman; Barbara Sabourin; Stanley Smith; Arthur Wallace; Lois Rheta (Wilson) McKecher; Eileen Gardner; Rachel Cayla Jacobson; Harley Moon

April 15 & 16

Samuel Cotsman; Maurry Epstein; Rachael Fine; Molly Silverman; Abe Chad; Eva Deri; Sarah Kanofsky; Edith Bruck; Manya Feder; Gica Leonescu; Anne August; Earl Steingarten; Zvi Feldberg; Lilyan Lean; Marie Bright Paknadel; Michael Sucharczyk; Beatrice Chochinov; Libby Moraff; Melvin "Buddy" Moraff

April 22 & 23

Marian Pufes-Poleski; Rosario Sicuso; John McKercher; Joseph Sweeney; Lloyd Sweeney; John Weiss-Vondra; Harry Witenoff; George Grushman; Mildred Korn; Morris Lebofsky; Sharon Nicolin; Lillian Harkavy; Phil Oliva; Max Ginsburg; David Kaan; Karl Leimovici; Sydney Mortimer; Maurice Stohler; Sarah Stohler; Edith Teller Brickell; Doris Goorman; Francis Paknadel

April 29 & 30

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May 6 & 7

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March

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April

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Have you ever been to a Chocolate Seder? If you like chocolate, than this is for you!

Monday, April 18th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Temple Israel.

All Temple Israel youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome! You don't have to be a student at TIRS, or a member of FROSTY (senior youth grades 9-12) or our JYG (junior youth group grades 6-8).

Everyone is welcome! Pay what you want...

RSVP required by April 13th to Sue at tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca

Sunday April 3 and 10 – Passover Workshops 11:am – 12:30 pm

April 3 – Meaning and mysteries of the Seder

The Passover Seder is filled with many customs and symbols. There are so dozens of wonderful traditions and customs. Join us and discover the myths and mysteries - as well as the depth and beauty - of the Seder. Learn the significance and symbolism of the Seder. We will dive deep into the meanings of the various parts of the Seder.

April 10 – How to lead, or actively participate in the Passover Seder.

Would you like to lead your own Seder? Would you like to be an active participant at your Seder this year? Join us for a hands on, practical, walk through the traditions, songs and readings of Passover. We will sing, read and learn all about the various customs and traditions of Passover.

SECOND NIGHT FAMILY SEDER

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at
6:00 pm**

Rabbi Morais will lead us in a second night Seder that is geared to all generations. We will be using "A Passover Haggadah" (Baskin version) which will be provided. This will be an opportunity to join in a community holiday celebration filled with tradition and song. All attending will be encouraged to take an active role in the Seder. We look forward to celebrating Pesach with you!

**Costs are: Adults \$60;
children 7-12 \$36,
children under 6 free**

Please contact the office at reception@templeisraelottawa.ca or at (613)224-1802 to let us know the number of people from your family and friends who will be attending our seder by Thursday, March 31.

Payment must be completed by cheque or credit card by Monday April 11, 2016.

Books and Bagels 2016



Mark these dates on your calendar!
A Bagel Breakfast at 9:30am 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 13, 2016 Shanghai Legacy by Marion Cuba will be reviewed by Rabbi Robert Morais of Temple Israel. Rabbi Morais has chosen this book because of his family connection to Shanghai: his grandparents lived there during this period and it is where his mother was born.

During the Nazi era, nearly 20,000 Jews sought safety in the unlikely haven of Shanghai—the one place that would have them without a visa. This is a novel of historical fiction and chronicles this pocket of time of 1938-1945. The book weaves actual events with an imagined mother-daughter drama of dark secrets, generational conflict, and the search for love and fulfillment.

Sunday, April 10, 2016 Ally by Michael B. Oren will be reviewed by Rabbi Steven Garten, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel.

Michael B. Oren's memoir of his time as Israel's ambassador to the United States—a period of transformative change for America and a time of violent upheaval throughout the Middle East—provides a frank, fascinating look inside the special relationship between America and its closest ally in the region.

Sunday, May 1, 2016 City of Abraham by Edward Platt will be reviewed by Howard Alper. Howard has been a member of Temple Israel since 1975. He is spearheading the Global Research Excellence initiative by the Governor General of Canada. He was Chair of the Government of Canada's Science, Technology and Innovation Council during 2007-2015.

The City of Abraham is a journey through one of the world's most divided cities – Hebron, the only place in the West Bank where Palestinians and Israelis live side by side. It begins with a hill called Tel Rumeida, the site of ancient Hebron, where the patriarch Abraham – father of the Jews and the Arabs – was supposed to have lived when he arrived in the Promised Land. Through a mixture of travel writing, reportage and interviews, Platt tells the history of the hill and the city in which it stands, and explores the mythic roots of the struggle to control the land.

Most books are available through the Ottawa Public Library and the Greenberg Families Library at the JCC. The Malca Pass Library and the Temple Israel Library also carry some of these titles. For more information during January and February please contact Dar Blue at blued@me.com. During all other months please contact Shayla Mindell at shaylamindell@rogers.com or call 613-594-4556.




In the early morning of February 16, we welcomed our Syrian family, the Al Sahhar's to Ottawa.

Ziad and Fidaa and their 3 children Tarek, Mohammed and Sandos have been busy settling into their new apartment and finding their way around Ottawa



המרכז הרפואי שערי צדק (ע"מ) פסגת לבי"ם לרפואה של האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
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Jerusalem, Thursday 11th February 2016



Dear friends from the Temple Israel Quilters Ottawa Canada,

Once again you have sent us the most magnificent quilts, full of color and happy patterns. They really bring a "homely" atmosphere to the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit. The bright colors distract the eye from the many scary life-support machines. Another department we are delighted to be able to use a few of the larger blankets is within our Pediatric Neurology department where the children can use them as "comfort" blankets whilst they are undergoing many tests...

Please do thank all your team of amazingly creative volunteers for their wonderful work!

Shalom and Warmest Regards from Jerusalem

Audrey Gross, Guest Relations
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MARCH 2016	21 ADAR 1 -	21 ADAR 2	5776			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		MARCH 1	2 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	3	4 KABBALAT SHABBAT	5 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
		21 ADAR 1	22 ADAR 1	23 ADAR 1	24 ADAR 1	25 ADAR 1
6 REL SCHOOL	7 REL SCHOOL	8	9 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	10 MORNING MINYAN	11 KABBALAT SHABBAT 1000 QUILTS MADE BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 1 ADAR 2	12 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
26 ADAR 1	27 ADAR 1	28 ADAR 1	29 ADAR 1	30 ADAR 1		2 ADAR 2
13 NO SCHOOL BOOKS AND BAGELS 9:30 AM 3 ADAR 2	14 NO SCHOOL	15	16 NO SCHOOL	17 BOARD MTG 7 PM	18 KABBALAT SHABBAT	19 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
	4 ADAR 2	5 ADAR 2	6 ADAR 2	7 ADAR 2	8 ADAR 2	9 ADAR 2
20 NO SCHOOL PURIM CARNIVAL AT THE SJCC 10-12	21 REL SCHOOL	22	23 TALMUD 1PM REL SCHOOL EREV PURIM CARNIVAL AT TIERS JHK-GR 6. PIZZA DINNER 6 PM STAR WARS PURIM STARTS 7:15 PM 13 ADAR 2	24 MORNING MINYAN	25 KABBALAT SHABBAT	26 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
10 ADAR 2	11 ADAR 2	12 ADAR 2		14 ADAR 2	15 ADAR 2	16 ADAR 2
27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29	30 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	31		
17 ADAR 2	18 ADAR 2	19 ADAR 2	20 ADAR 2	21 ADAR 2		
APRIL 2016	22 ADAR 2 -	22 NISAN	5776			
					APRIL 1 KABBALAT SHABBAT	2 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
					22 ADAR 2	23 ADAR 2
3 REL SCHOOL PESACH ADULT ED PROGRAM 11- 12:30 PART 1	4 REL SCHOOL	5	6 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	7	8 KABBALAT SHABBAT GRADE 5 LEADING BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 29 ADAR 2	9 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
24 ADAR 2	25 ADAR 2	26 ADAR 2	27 ADAR 2	28 ADAR 2		1 NISAN
10 REL SCHOOL BOOKS & BAGELS PESACH ADULT ED PROGRAM 11- 12:30 PART 2 2 NISAN	11	12	13 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	14 MORNING MINYAN	15 KABBALAT SHABBAT	16 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
	3 NISAN	4 NISAN	5 NISAN	6 NISAN	7 NISAN	8 NISAN
17	18 REL SCHOOL CHOCOLATE SEDER 6:30-8:30 EVERYONE GRADES 6-12 WELCOME. 10 NISAN	19 BOARD MEETING (TUESDAY)	20 TALMUD 1 PM REL SCHOOL	21	22 KABBALAT SHABBAT NOTE TIME 4:30 PM PASSOVER	23 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES, PASSOVER
9 NISAN		11 NISAN	12 NISAN	13 NISAN	14 NISAN	2 ND SEDER AT TEMPLE 15 NISAN
24 NO SCHOOL	25 REL SCHOOL	26	27	28 MORNING MINYAN	29 9:00 AM 7 TH DAY PASSOVER SERVICE/YIZKOR/ PLAQUE DEDICATION KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 PM 21 NISAN	30 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES
16 NISAN	17 NISAN	18 NISAN	19 NISAN	20 NISAN		22 NISAN

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Booking Request

Bar/Bat Mitzvah applications are now being accepted for dates up to December 31, 2018. If your child's birthdate falls before December 31, 2006 and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact reception@templeisraelottawa.com and request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements are noted on the application form.

Jewish Memorial Gardens Executive Director Tammy Torontow, is available at 613-688-3530 option #1 for all cemetery matters.