

Temple Israel



Jewish Life Happens Here

the **BULLETIN**

May/June 2021

Iyar/Sivan/Tamuz 5781

**SHAVUOT  
FAMILY  
FUN  
SHABBAT**

5:30 PM

FRIDAY  
MAY 7th

**MOTHERS  
DAY**

SUNDAY  
MAY 9th

**CONFIRMATION  
CELEBRATION**

6:15 PM

FRIDAY  
MAY 14th

**SHABBAT  
AROUND  
THE WORLD**

10:15 AM

SATURDAY  
MAY 15th

**NATIONAL  
TIKKUN  
SHAVUOT**

7 PM- 2AM

SUN-MON  
MAY 16-17

UPCOMING  
**EVENTS** | **May**  
**June**

**SHAVUOT  
MORNING  
SERVICES**

10:15 AM

MONDAY  
MAY 17th

**LOOKING TO  
OUR TEXTS FO  
COURAGE**

7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 26th

**CJPAC  
SHABBAT**

10:15 AM

FRIDAY  
MAY 28th

**CHAI  
LEGACY  
SHABBAT**

10:15 AM

SATURDAY  
JUNE 5th

**FINALE  
FAMILY FUN  
SHABBAT**

5:30 PM

FRIDAY  
JUNE 11th

**PRIDE  
SHABBAT**

6:15 PM

FRIDAY  
JUNE 11th

**TRIBUTE TO  
MORAH SUE**

6:15 PM

FRIDAY  
JUNE 18th

**FATHERS  
DAY**

SUNDAY  
JUNE 20th

# Worship Schedule

NOTE: WATCH FOR YOUR WEEKLY EMAILS AND THE TEMPLE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT IN HOUSE SERVICES

Holiday	Dates	Times	
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, April 30 Saturday, May 1	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Emor
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, May 7 Saturday, May 8	5:30 pm 6:15 pm 10:15 am	Shavuot Family Fun Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Behar/Bechukotai <b>Bar Mitzvah Jack Koskie</b>
<b>MORNING MINYAN</b>	<b>Thursday, May 13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, May 14 Saturday, May 15	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service, <b>Confirmation Service</b> Shabbat Service, Parsha Vayakhel/Pekude <b>Shabbat Around the World</b>
<b>SHAVUOT</b>	Monday, May 17	10:15 am	Shavuot Service
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, May 21 Saturday, May 22	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Nasso
<b>MORNING MINYAN</b>	<b>Thursday, May 27</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, May 28 Saturday, May 29	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service, <b>CJPAC Shabbat</b> Shabbat Service, Parsha Beha'alotcha <b>Bar Mitzvah Michael Cottin</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, June 4 Saturday, June 5	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Shelach <b>Chai Legacy Shabbat</b>
<b>MORNING MINYAN</b>	<b>Thursday, June 10</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, June 11 Saturday, June 12	5:30 pm 6:15 pm 10:15 am	Finale Family Fun Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service, <b>PRIDE Shabbat</b> Shabbat Service, Parsha Korach <b>Bat Mitzvah Kayla McIlhagga</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, June 18 Saturday, June 19	5:30 pm 6:15 pm 10:15 am	Family Fun Shabbat- It's Israel's birthday! Kabbalat Shabbat Service, <b>Tribute to Morah Sue</b> Shabbat Service, Parsha Chukat
<b>MORNING MINYAN</b>	<b>Thursday, June 24</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
<b>SHABBAT</b>	Friday, June 25 Saturday, June 26	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Balak <b>Bar Mitzvah Ethan Bonn</b>

## From the Pulpit



### Here, There and Everywhere in Between

As Canadians, we're known for being kind, humble, and diverse. When asked, "How are you?" we respond, "Oh thank you, I am fine." We can question whether the answer is ever really that simple, but it certainly is not today! We are tired emotionally and physically – as I write

this we are in lockdown once again. We are hopeful, many of us have been vaccinated and are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are sad, we've lost so much over recent months, we crave a sense of normalcy. We are proud, we've demonstrated tremendous resilience and strength in the face of threat. Can we really be all of these emotions at once? You bet! And many more...

Things are anything but slow at Temple...

- After a COVID-19 pause, BRAC, our Temple building committee, is back at work dreaming of a renewed facility for our Temple family. See page XX. The board has accepted the inspiring designs from FIGURR architects and to date more than 2 million dollars have been raised. When the time is right, we will commence our campaign to the congregation at large and we will need your support. No doubt, there are challenges ahead, but these concrete steps are cause for great celebration.

- There are some COVID silver linings. We continue to demonstrate the ability to welcome guests virtually from abroad with ease. It's as if these teachers are next door. Last month Rabbi Norman Patz from New Jersey spoke to us about the origins of our Czech Torah. Shortly his talk will be available on our website. This month we welcome Rabbi Grisha Abramovitch from Belarus. He is trailblazing a pathway for Reform Judaism in the Former Soviet Union (see page 6). Closer to home, representing CJPAC, Lorne Gellar will remind us of our essential civic duties (see page 12).

- We are proud of our beloved principal Sue Potchin who has accepted a position at the Soloway JCC focusing on culture and learning. Please join us as we honour Sue for her incredible lifelong contributions to Temple (see page 4). Thankfully we get to keep Sue as a teacher, we could not imagine TIRS without her. Our choir director Saeideh Rajabzadeh has also decided to leave her role. We are indebted to Saeiedh for her passion for music and ability to help us shine virtually. Don't miss Shavuot morning services when we will showcase two more pieces under her leadership.

If you are having a difficult time, please know that these tough days will pass. Don't hesitate to reach out. And as we continue to muddle by with mixed emotions, let's do the best we can, and yes, we can even look forward to a better tomorrow.

*Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg*

## President's Message



With less than a third of my president's term ahead, I am reflecting on the focus for the next 7 months. At the 2019 Annual Meeting I proposed to nurture the sacred partnership with our then new Rabbi, to develop a leadership pipeline and to advance our building project. Despite the distractions of a pandemic, there is progress on these fronts and of course so many others!

Still ahead is a gathering of committee, task force, project and team leaders scheduled for Sunday morning May 16 to nurture a network of our volunteer leaders at Temple. Join us to find out more about the many initiatives that are on the go.

The Building Renovation Action Committee presented the architect's design to the March Board meeting where it was approved in principle. Next steps include cost clarification and financial planning leading to board recommendations to the congregation to be considered at a Temple-wide meeting. If the Congregation approves the building project, a fundraising campaign will follow. To preview the concept design, check out the article in this Bulletin for building renderings.

The Music Task Force (TF) chaired by Mindy Finkelstein reported to the April Board meeting at which Ritual Committee was also represented. Based on the important place that music plays at Temple, the TF recommends establishing a part-time 'Music Director' to lead and co-ordinate the musical components of Temple life. A standing "Music Sub-committee" of the Ritual Committee will advise and assist in this work with a mandate to be the musical conscience of Temple. Its scope includes coordinating lay cantors, choir and choir director and High Holiday soloists. A program of visiting music guest performers is proposed to enlighten and delight Shabbat congregants. The Board endorsed establishing a Music Sub-committee and supports the general direction of the other recommendations. The first step will be to recruit Music Sub-committee members with a passion for and knowledge of music at Temple. Please be in touch if you are interested!

Writing this on a snowy April morning, but knowing you will read it in sunny warm May. Stay safe and be well!

*Margot Montgomery  
President*

### 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 on page 14 or Temple information on page 15) or the office and we will make it easy for you!



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



As I sit down to write this article, the spring has sprung, tulips are about to bloom, buds are on the trees ... and the threat of a "spring snow" is looming. That pretty much sums up how this year has gone so far. Three steps forward, five steps back and so on. We are back in "stay-at-home" mode for the third wave, and this pandemic just isn't letting up.

The good news is that many of us are either booked for the first vaccine or will be soon. That will definitely help, but we have to continue to be diligent in safety measures so that we can hopefully be able to return to in-person classes sometime in the fall. I don't want to be too optimistic, but I think we are all ready for some --- even a little bit --- of return to what was. I'm not sure that it will ever be quite the same, but does it have to be? On a positive note, there are several "Covid Keepers" that will continue to be available for the benefit of our students and their families.

Before I elaborate on what they maybe be, we should probably address the elephant in the room. Many of you now know that I will be stepping down as the Principal of TIRS at the end of June. I don't want to go so far as to make too many presumptions for my successor. That said, I will be creating a draft calendar and the registration form for the 2021-22 school year in the next month so that they can go out before the end of the school year as usual.

In the meantime, the spring season of B'nai Mitzvah will be starting on May 8th and Confirmation is just around the corner on May 14th. Whether you "attend" services regularly or not, please join us in support of our students who have worked so hard under very unusual circumstances to get to both of these Jewish milestones. This school year has been like no other. I am so proud of all of our students and their teachers. I feel very privileged to have been a part of all of it.

*Sue Potechin  
TIRS Principal*

## Bnai Mitzvah

Is your child born in 2010?

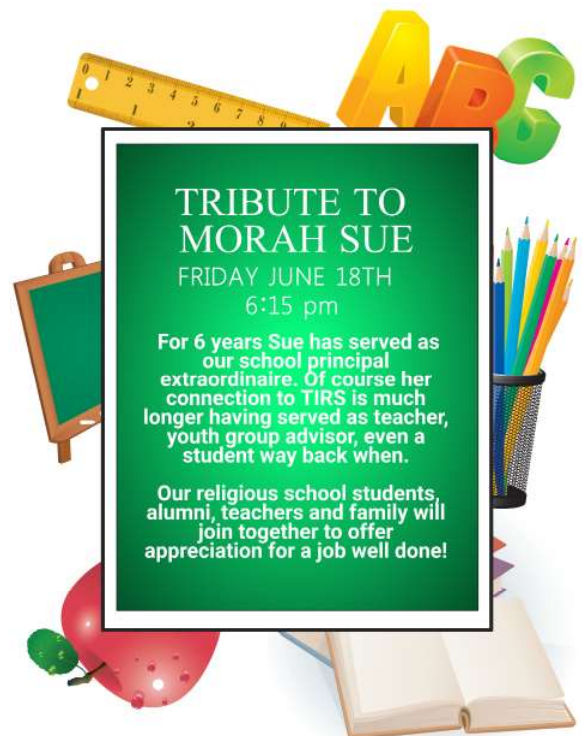
We are now booking Bar/Bat dates through the end of April 2023.

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.

**Save the date!**  
**TIRS end-of-year celebration!**

**June 13, 2021**

**Details to follow closer to the date.**



## Condolences



זכרונם לברכה

*May their memory forever  
be a blessing.*

Condolences are extended to the families of:

**Ann Lazear**, beloved mother of Stuart (Lillian) Lazear

**Marilyn Pontuck**, beloved mother of Larry (Cathy) Tarof

## 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.

## TEMPLE "SHALOM" PROGRAM

Calling all Senior Members...

Are you a senior who would welcome a friendly call on a regular basis? Are you a senior who could make that friendly call?

Hannah Halpern has been coordinating these calls successfully and would like to reach out to see if anyone would like to be included, and to add some callers to the list.

RSVP to:  
Hannah at 613-792-1003 or  
[hannah.halpern@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.halpern@gmail.com)

Heather at 613-224-1802 ext 4 or  
[execdir@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:execdir@templeisraelottawa.com)

## Upcoming Temple Events



**FAMILY FUN SHABBAT**  
*Shavuot Edition*  
*Double the Fun*

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH  
5:30 PM

RSVP WITH MORAH SUE  
POTECHIN  
[TIRS@TEMPLEISRAELOTTAWA.CA](mailto:tirs@templeisraelottawa.ca)

Over Shavuot we celebrate the importance of Torah in our lives, we also get to eat yummy dairy treats like ice cream and cheesecake. Join us for some family focused activities as we imagine ourselves climbing Mt. Sinai to receive our precious gift of Torah

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**FAMILY FUN SHABBAT**  
**Friday, June 11th**  
**5:30pm**

**WHERE DID THE YEAR GO?**

We've made Sukkahs out of pillows, some Purim masks too! We even built pyramids out of lego blocks to boot!

We've had so much fun together, we've shared laughs and smiles! For this final Shabbat of the school year lets go the extra MILE!

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RSVP with Morah Sue Potechin  
[tirs@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:tirs@templeisraelottawa.com)

**BOOKS**  
& Bagels

Books & Bagels will resume in the fall.

Happy reading!



## Upcoming Temple Events

### Confirmation 5781

Please join us on Friday evening,  
May 14th at 6:15 pm  
[www.facebook.com/OttawaTempleIsrael](https://www.facebook.com/OttawaTempleIsrael)  
as we celebrate the TIRS  
Confirmation Class of 5781:

David Cottin  
Tyler Evans  
Naomi Feldstein  
Sarah Millman  
Yonas Shapiro  
Jessica Stewart  
and Jonah Wilbur

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SATURDAY MAY 15TH, 2021



We welcome Rabbi Grisha Abramovitch of Belarus to be our special guest speaker.



He will speak about the opportunities and challenges facing the Jewish community in the Former Soviet Union. Rabbi Grisha Abramovitch received his rabbinical ordination at Leo Back College in London and now oversees Jewish life in nine cities across Belarus.

This pulpit exchange is part of the efforts of the Biennial Convention of the World Union of Progressive Judaism.



**STANDING AT SINAI  
NATIONAL TIKKUN SHAVUOT**  
Sunday May 16- Monday May 17

We're studying Torah all night again with our Canadian friends from coast to coast. There will be hourly panels and creative sessions on a host of topics from teachers of Canadian Reform congregations.

Rabbis Mikelberg, Garten and Lithwick will do a special session looking at Ruth as a Sacred Exemplar and model for our times at 7:45pm. We'll provide the food for the soul, you provide the cheesecake.

RSVP with Reform Jewish Community of Canada

### Let's show our PRIDE this June at Temple

SPECIAL PRIDE PROGRAMMING ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 11-13

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH IN CANADA AND IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD, WHEN WE KICK OFF THE PRIDE SEASON OF FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS FROM COAST TO COAST TO COAST THAT RUN THROUGH AUGUST (OTTAWA'S CAPITAL PRIDE TAKES PLACE THEN). TEMPLE PRIDES ITSELF (ALL PUNS INTENDED) IN CELEBRATING OUR LGBTQ2+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALLIES. THIS YEAR, DESPITE COVID-19, WE WILL SHOW OUR TRUE COLOURS!

WE WILL CELEBRATE A PRIDE KABBALAT SHABBAT ON THE 11TH (STARTING AT 6:15PM, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW) AND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13, RABBI DARA LITHWICK WILL HOST RABBI MIKE MOSKOWITZ, SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FOR TRANS AND QUEER JEWISH STUDIES AT CONGREGATION BEIT SIMCHAT TORAH, THE WORLD'S LARGEST LGBTQ SYNAGOGUE, IN CONVERSATION ABOUT THE NEW BOOK CHAVER UP! 49 RABBIS EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ALLY THROUGH A JEWISH LENS, EDITED BY RABBI MOSKOWITZ AND RABBI SHARON KLEINBAUM, AND IN WHICH RABBI LITHWICK CONTRIBUTED A CHAPTER.

TOGETHER LET US CELEBRATE AND SHOW OUR COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL PRIDE, NOT JUST IN JUNE OR IN AUGUST DURING CAPITAL PRIDE, BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



## From the Building Committee

### **Proposed new design for Temple building will bring additional light, spiritually and physically**

Temple Israel's Building Renovation Action Committee (BRAC) is delighted to be moving forward with the building concept design.

The purpose of BRAC is to design a renovation proposal for the Temple Israel building and grounds.

In a recent e-mail to Temple members, BRAC co-chair Patsy Royer shared the good news that on March 18th, during Temple's board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the proposed building concept design presented by Figurr Architects.

"The pandemic has created a profound longing for human contact, and the post-pandemic era is poised to be a moment of renewal for institutions, social movements and enterprises whose raison d'être is to bring people together," says Margot Montgomery, Temple president and BRAC co-chair with Patsy Royer.

A faith community like Temple Israel, which brings people together for both worship and social action, is well-placed to harness the pent-up demand for connectedness. The initiative to re-imagine the physical meeting place - the synagogue building - coincides perfectly with the idea that, post-pandemic, the world's mission is to 'build back better.'

BRAC members, including several Executive and Board members, the Rabbi, the Principal and the Executive Director, are focused on delivering a building renovation that meets Temple's future needs," she says. "We have learned much from past ventures in building projects and respect these lessons as we carefully proceed." And now Temple Israel is one step closer to that goal.

"Our architect, Figurr Collective, has extensive experience with Jewish institutions and other public architecture challenges in Ottawa and Montreal," says Margot. "They have worked hard to understand our needs and our challenges in funding a project of this nature."

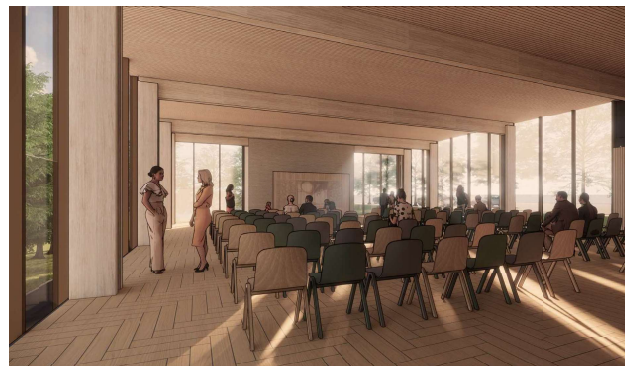
Since the beginning of the project, BRAC has also been working with a professional fundraiser, Wayne Hussey Consulting, Inc.

"Temple Israel is a hub for liberal Judaism in Ottawa, a community grounded in both tradition and innovation," says Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg. "Our doors are wide open to people who are interfaith, interracial, LGBTQ, differently abled and more. We believe in honouring all paths to Judaism and fostering shalom in a fractured world. This project will improve our community's ability to inspire, and be safe and accessible so that it continues to serve as the spiritual home of generations to come."

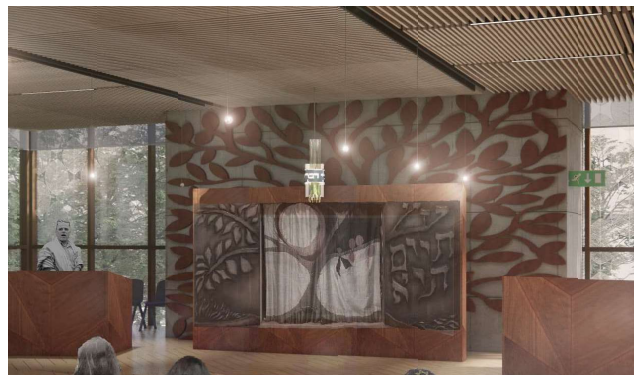
"The design has been months in the making," says Patsy, "and based on consultation with BRAC members. It brings additional light throughout our synagogue - our spiritual home."

The next steps are to refine costs and finalize the design. Rabbi Mikelberg and Margot have begun meeting with some Temple members and have already received indications that over \$2,000,000 of the necessary funds will be donated over a number of years, nearly half of our goal!! Every one of us has an essential role as we build for our future. When our world calms down and we begin a formal campaign, we are eager to speak to you so that you, too, can be part of this exciting renewal.

"While it will take many months to finalize the architectural plans, obtain permits and raise funds, we look forward to seeing shovels in the ground as soon as possible," says Patsy. "We are inspired by the vision of our spiritual home serving future generations of Ottawa and area Reform Jews."



Proposed sanctuary



Proposed new Bima



Proposed lobby

# Life & Legacy

## Supporting Temple Israel for the next generation

Ranit Braun discusses being part of the Temple since childhood, and planning for the future

Ranit Braun's Temple Israel journey began when her mother, religious school principal Sheli Braun, "schlepped" 10-year-old Ranit to work with her. She then "graduated" to helping in the office, to TA'ing, to teaching to where we are today.



Ranit is among the Temple members who have signed a Letter of Intent for Temple's Life and Legacy program. She has decided to support Life and Legacy because "I want my child to be able to have a thriving community in the future, so that he can one day bring his partner and children too."

Ranit cannot pinpoint exactly the year that she and then her husband and son became members, but Temple Israel has been a constant draw on her "slightly complicated Jewish journey."

"For anybody, it's complicated in general to find your community," she says, "but with the complications of a convert - albeit when I was an infant - and someone whose skin color doesn't quite match the 'norm', on top of that the 'wild spirit,' and finding somewhere for me to feel welcomed, included and accepted, was often a challenge."

At Temple, she says, she "never felt 'othered' or judged, and while it took me some time to formalize my commitment to Temple through membership, I feel like Temple and myself were always B'Sheret. I often found comfort and guidance from members as I was growing up and who stuck with me all those years. Temple offers people the opportunity to really engage in shul life and to help shape our shul's future. I think Temple and I chose each other."

She loves the bond that congregants have with each other. "I love reading the comments during services, I love seeing people smile when they see each other and that is genuine and real. You can really feel the history and joy when people gather, and I really like that."

While she has been involved in Temple in some capacity for two decades, she says that this past year has been the most memorable as she has helped Temple move programming online. Despite the challenges, "it has been the most incredible journey to bring Temple directly into people's homes. I love working with other Temple members and getting to know people better, I feel like I have been given such a cool opportunity to help Temple move online. We have such a great group of people working to make this happen!"

Braun works full time at Jewish Family Services, but she also finds time to teach grade 2, to be JYG and FROSTY adviser, and to volunteer for Jbaby.

Ranit Braun is one of five siblings. "We mostly grew up in Ottawa; my father, Eli Braun, was the Rabbi at Beth Shalom and my mother was the Principal at Temple School. My siblings and myself are all adopted from different parts of the world, and we are all Jews of color. I take a great amount of pride in my family and I have an enormous amount of gratitude for the bonds that we share. My parents and sister and her husband and four kids all live in Israel, while myself and my older sister and two brothers are still here in Canada."

She is married to Jason Demorest, and the couple have a son named Gideon. But everyone knows him as 'Gibby'. You may have seen him pop into some Zoom meetings.

Initially it can all seem overwhelming to consider Life and Legacy, she says. "It may seem daunting at first to commit to something like this, wills, estates, lawyers... But when you give it some thought and get past the 'scary' paperwork, it all makes logical sense."

"On Tu B'shevat we speak about Honi and the lesson of leaving behind for future generations," she explains. "This is why we plant; this is why we plan. By making this commitment you are not just leaving money, but you are giving life to your community. You are giving life to our Jewish values and our future. And we can think from time to time that 'well, I give my membership fees, what more do you want from me?' But I think that what the question should be is: 'What more do I want for my children and my friends' and families' children?' The answer is everything... but I give what I can, and what's within my power. The Legacy program offers that opportunity."

A program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Life & Legacy assists communities across North America, through partnerships with Jewish Federations and Foundations, to promote after-lifetime giving to build endowments that will provide financial stability to Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations, and other Jewish entities.

***Be remembered forever by Temple Israel with a Legacy gift***



# Temple Celebrations



## May Anniversaries

Robyn & David Aaron; Norma Golcher & Daniel Chemla; Glennis & Philip Cohen; Jenn & Mark Cohen; Margaret & David Delicate; Kim Corace & Gary Garber; Lisa Hans & Steven Garten; Penny Gershon-Giaccone & Roberto Giaccone; Hannah & Gerald Halpern; Merle Haltrecht-Matte & Guy Matte; Mary-Anne & Mark Hammer; Joan Rosenberg-Hartman & Melvin Hartman; Diana & Len Heitin; Lana Fawcett-Helman & Gilad Helman; Rhoda & Stanley Hock; Andrea Rosen & Gabe Karlin; Marie Carmen Berlie & Charles Khazzam; Angela & Brad Koskie; Kaarina Baker & Phil Kretzmar; Katya Feder & Paul McKeague; Marcia Saipe & Theodore Miller; Marian Leimovici-Morrill & Steve Morrill; Shaina Lipsey & Morrie Paul; Sandra & Steven Poleski; Melanie & Michael Rosenblatt; Rachel & Michel Sturgeon; Mona Klinger & Michael Takefman; Debra & Gary Viner; Marilyn & Evan Weiner; Debbie Halton-Weiss & Ronald Weiss; Saul Schwartz & Nancy Werk

## June Anniversaries

Tanya & Martin Abrams; Anne & Howard Alper; Gail & Reg Angel; Jackie & Kevin Barwin; Heather & Mark Evenchick; Julie St. Cyr & Jesse Feldstein; Joanne Burgess & Martin Freeman; Suresh Srikant & Milena Gibson Srikant; Sue & Bernie Gold; Leslie Kaufman & Samuel Greenspon; Casey Rosenberg & Laura Hay; Rosalind & Stanley Labow; Bruce Gottfred & Michelle Lajzerowicz; Sherri Katz & Mitchell Leitman; Marci Surkes & Dara Lithwick; Marsha & Allan Maslove; Janet & Steven Mendelsohn; Zach Paul & Daniel Mikelberg; Diane & Michael Parkin; Victor Bier & Paloma Perez; Tonya & Gary Pomerantz; Karen Ginsberg & Ted Ramsay; Sherri & Jeff Ramsay; Lorna & Carl Raskin; Bryna & Ilan Rumstein; Sharon Clark & Martin Scheinberg; Violet & Ben Segal; Kevin Neden & Mindy Sichel; Susan & Mark Silverman; Fran Klodawsky & Aron Spector; Sari & Neil Tudiver; Lynne Oreck-Wener & Robert Wener; Joel Karwatsky & Debbie Zimmerman;

## Bnai Mitzvah



Saturday May 8, 2021  
**JACK KOSKIE**  
Son of Angela & Brad Koskie

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Jack will donate to the "Quilts of Valour Canada". Volunteer quilters work together to create and present "quilts of comfort" to injured Canadian Forces members and veterans, in gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our country.  
[www.quiltsofvalour.ca](http://www.quiltsofvalour.ca)



Saturday May 29, 2021  
**MICHAEL COTTIN**  
Son of Cindy & Christopher Cottin

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Michael will donate to Parkinson Canada.



Saturday June 12, 2021  
**KAYLA MCILHAGGA**  
Daughter of Debbie Pagurek & Dave McIlhagga

In honour of her Bat Mitzvah, Kayla will donate to the Jewish Family Services Ottawa and Parkinson Canada.



Saturday June 19, 2021  
**ETHAN BONN**  
Son of Sandra & Jonah Bonn

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Ethan will donate to Hillel Lodge.

**Mazel  
Tov!**

# Temple Israel Ottawa Foundation

*In Our Hands, Our Future*

Mark Klyman, President . Allan Maslove, Treasurer

To support one of these funds with a donation, call Bobbi  
Soderstrom 613 230-5865 or  
email [foundation@templeisraelottawa.ca](mailto:foundation@templeisraelottawa.ca)

## Endowment Funds:

Abbey Family  
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B'nai Mitzvah Fund  
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Evelyne Dreyfus  
Shlomo Feldberg Memorial Fund  
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Singer  
Sabourin/Sokoloff  
Spergel  
Taub  
Gary & Debra Viner  
Wall Family  
Walsh/Rosenkrantz  
Weiner/Maddams

## REMY & ALAIN ALBAGLI MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the yarhzeit of Alain Albagli  
Michelle Albagli

## BERCOVITCH FUND

Wishing Mort Bercovitch a happy birthday  
Anonymous

## BRADBURY/KLYMAN FUND

In memory of Marilyn Pontuck  
Mark Klyman & Lauri Gray

In memory of Ann Lazear

Mark Klyman & Lauri Gray

## FREEMAN/BURGESS FUND

In memory of Michael, Anna & John Wyman  
Martin Freeman & Joanne Burgess

## Mazal Tov to Merle Haltrecht-Matte on receiving the Rabbi's Volunteer Award

Martin Freeman & Joanne Burgess

## Mazal Tov to Linda Steingarten on receiving the Bercovitch/Singer Volunteer Award

Martin Freeman & Joanne Burgess

## GENERAL FUND

In memory of Marilyn Pontuck  
Karen Shiller & Arthur Loeb

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## Wishing David Michaelson a speedy recovery

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Debra & Gary Viner

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### In memory of Marilyn Pontuck

Marie Carmen Berlie, Charles, Emma, David & Anne Khazzam  
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### Mazal Tov to Merle Haltrecht-Matte on receiving the Rabbi's Volunteer Award

Miriam Salamon & Bob Moon

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Miriam Salamon & Bob Moon

### Wishing Sandra Thomas a speedy recovery

Miriam Salamon & Bob Moon

## PENTATEUCH PRAYERBOOK FUND

### In memory of Ann Lazear

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### In observance of the yahrzeit of Becky Waxman

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### Mazal Tov and Yasher koach to Michelle Lajzerowicz on her reading of the Purim Megillah

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### In memory of Ann Lazear

Don Segall

### Mazal Tov to Merle Haltrecht-Matte on receiving the Rabbi's Volunteer Award

Frieda & Phil Chodos

### Wishing Sandra Thomas a speedy recovery

Janet Cohen

### In observance of the yahrzeit of Sydney Faibish

Pamela Allen

### In support of Sarah & Kong Guek

Katherine Addleman

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### In memory of Marilyn Pontuck

Ann Heathcote & Pierre Coulombe

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### Wishig Marsha Maslove a speedy recovery

Sharon & David Michaelson

### In memory of Maxine Alice Hall Desroche

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### In memory of Marilyn Pontuck

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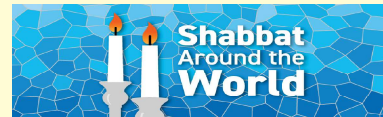
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## Special Shabbats

**Mark your calendars or these special Shabbats:**

**Saturday, May 15th - 10:15am**



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**Friday, May 28th - 6:15 pm**  
**CJPAC Shabbat**



Election fever is in the air. It's important that we make our voices heard about the progressive and Jewish issues that we hold dear. We welcome Lorne Geller, Assistant Director of Outreach and Engagement for CJPAC for an informative D'var Torah grounding us in the various ways we can display our civic pride. CJPAC is a national, independent, multi-partisan organization. Its mandate is to engage Jewish and pro-Israel Canadians in the democratic process and to foster active political participation.

**Saturday, June 5th - 10:15 am**  
**Chai Legacy Shabbat**

Over the Shavuot season we reflect on our Biblical heroine Ruth. With courage and passion she pledges herself to her community ensuring vitality and strength for days ahead. Over this special service we will honour those in our midst, who like Ruth have pledged to support our community's future through our Life and Legacy campaign and the Temple Israel of Ottawa Foundation.

**Friday, June 11 - 6:15 pm**

**PRIDE**  
**Shabbat**  
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**Friday, June 18 - 6:15 pm**  
**Tribute to Morah Sue**  
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# Yahrzeits

## April 30-May 1 Emor

Allan Asherman  
Charles Bliss  
Rebecca Brownstein  
Eric Cohen  
Marcy Dempsey  
Hymie Ginsberg  
Teddy Goldstein  
Rachel Cohen Halpern  
Abe Hislop  
Hannah Jiji  
Peter Liebel  
Helen Martin  
Edward Israel Merson  
Nathan Palmer  
Bertha Palmer  
Rose Shandler Polowin  
Connie Reisman  
Lillian Saslove  
Joan Soble  
Becky Waxman

## May 7-8 Behar/Bechukotai

Mark Leslie Abramson  
Louis Fine  
Cesare Giaccone  
Gerald Ginsberg  
Rose Goldberg  
Samuel R. Hock  
Ernst Kummermann  
Arthur Levine  
Donald Montgomery  
Rose Schatz  
Esther Libby Silberman  
Simon Skoll  
Lillian Vinokur

## May 14-15 Bamidbar

Georgette Albert  
Audra Bennett  
Emile Chemla  
Irving Cohen  
Joseph Dover  
Sadie Finkelberg  
Helen Fisher  
Irving Gencher  
Simona Holtzman  
Harnat Holtzman  
Eleanor Ann Klinger  
Fanny Lebofsky  
Sam Levinsky  
Kochava Lupo  
Jacqueline Mimouni  
Rosalie Goodman Namer  
Wolf Rumstein  
Estelle Schechter  
Albert Silverman  
Sid Sourani  
Phyllis Sternthal  
Irving Louis Tudiver  
Leonard Van Straten  
Minnie Waldman

## May 21-22 Nasso

Gordon Allen  
Ernie Bennett  
J. Arnold Burgess  
Marcelle Corin  
Chaja Fried  
Mojse Yehuda Fried  
Moe Gold  
Irving Kamins  
Lena Kaminsky  
Michael Kraschewski  
Byrtha Leckie  
Sydney Lithwick  
Alex Nyul  
Johnny Pagurek  
Moshe Rosenzweig  
Belle Sadowski  
Alfred Scales  
Nathan Segall  
Harold Shaffer  
Rose Spector  
Leah Starkman  
Ilona Szucs  
Erika Waldmann Volker

## May 28-29 Beha'alotecha

Rita Cohen  
Thea Ginsburg  
Jeremy Goldstein  
Stanley Hollenberg  
Theodore Isaacs  
Irene Kleinglass  
William Leibach  
Archie Levitan  
Jonathan Penner  
Ben Pomerantz  
Betty Schwartz

## June 4-5 Shelach

Ivan Berkowitz  
Emily Florence Blair  
James Buchanan  
Leah Finkelstein  
Gittle Ginsburg  
Edna Kett  
Gracie Khazzam  
Ruth Laxton  
Sol Lubitsch  
Ben Malkin  
Jean Montgomery  
Isaac (Izzy) Morris  
Norman "Babe" Oreck  
Edward Polowin;  
Roy Prud'homme  
Nancy Ritt-Hoadley  
Rose Rosen  
Imre Rosenberg  
David Walsh  
Philip Waxman

## June 11-12 Korach

Lydia Pinkus Azimov  
Alec Bloom  
Hyman Borshy  
Ruth Corbosiero  
Andor Gams  
Judit Gams  
Panna Gams  
Klara Gams  
Laslo Gams  
Frances Hashmall  
Philip Hauptman  
Edith Kerdman  
Alfred Laxton  
Endre Lubeck  
Mina Max  
Susan Miller  
Mark Lewis Nozick  
William Parkin  
Clare Rapoport Polonsky  
Laura Spergel  
Esther Stein  
Isaak Zimmer

## June 18-29 Chukat

Hannah Chaya Angel  
Grant Bisback  
Alec Bloom  
Nancy Corley  
Jean Dover  
Imre Gams  
Gizella Gams  
Martin Ginsburg  
Albert Goorman  
Queenie Davis Gordon  
Rona Hollenberg Levenstein  
Joyce Loeb  
Ilona Lubeck  
Rezso Pollak  
David Rotstein  
Claudine Esther Shiller

## June 25-26 Balak

Lisa Beame  
Sara Bornfriend  
Lily Brauer  
Abraham Gencher  
Jennie Goldenblatt  
Karen Isaacson  
Sydney Lipsey  
Mima Lowenbach  
Isaac Mendel  
Burton Ramsay  
Josh Silburt  
Rose Stoll Tudiver

## July 2-3 Pinchas

Morton Baslaw  
Irving Chodos  
Helen Demuth  
Mary Dudar  
Sarah Dunn;  
Berel Esrock  
Jack Feldman  
Felicia Karlin;  
Anna Kaufman  
Robert Levenstein  
Jack Mendelsohn  
Kenneth Ritt  
Joseph Schwartz  
Yetta Segal  
Bessie Shapiro  
Julia Sherman  
Elaine Singer  
Robert Farris Tarof  
Zvi Taub

## Yahrzeit: Remembering on the Anniversary of a Death

**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 preceding 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

## May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					30 April Kabbalat Shabbat	1 <sup>19 Iyar</sup> Torah Study Shabbat Services
2 <sup>20 Iyar</sup> TIRS	3 <sup>21 Iyar</sup> TIRS	4 <sup>22 Iyar</sup>	5 <sup>23 Iyar</sup> 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS	6 <sup>24 Iyar</sup>	7 <sup>25 Iyar</sup> FAMILY FUN Kabbalat Shabbat	8 <sup>26 Iyar</sup> Torah Study Shabbat Services JACK KOSKIE BAR MITZVAH
9 <sup>27 Iyar</sup> TIRS	10 <sup>28 Iyar</sup> TIRS	11 <sup>29 Iyar</sup>	12 <sup>1 Sivan</sup> 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS	13 <sup>2 Sivan</sup> Morning Minyan	14 <sup>3 Sivan</sup> Kabbalat Shabbat CONFIRMATION	15 <sup>4 Sivan</sup> Torah Study Shabbat Services SHABBAT AROUND THE WORLD
16 <sup>5 Sivan</sup> TIRS NATIONAL TIKKUN SHAVUOT	17 <sup>6 Sivan</sup> NO SCHOOL SHAVUOT SERVICES	18 <sup>7 Sivan</sup>	19 <sup>8 Sivan</sup> NO TALMUD TIRS	20 <sup>9 Sivan</sup> BOARD MEETING	21 <sup>10 Sivan</sup> Kabbalat Shabbat	22 <sup>11 Sivan</sup> Nisan Torah Study Shabbat Services
23 <sup>12 Sivan</sup> NO SCHOOL 30 <sup>19 Sivan</sup>	24 <sup>13 Sivan</sup> NO SCHOOL 31 <sup>20 Sivan</sup>	25 <sup>14 Sivan</sup>	26 <sup>15 Sivan</sup> 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS TEXTS FOR COURAGE	27 <sup>16 Sivan</sup> Morning Minyan	28 <sup>17 Sivan</sup> Kabbalat Shabbat CJPAC SHABBAT	29 <sup>18 Sivan</sup> Torah Study Shabbat Services MICHAEL COTTIN BAR MITZVAH

### TEMPLE VISION STATEMENT

Temple Israel is Ottawa's Reform congregation where Jewish Life Happens --committing ourselves to Kehilah K'lal Yisrael, and Tikun Olam.

We are a dynamic and welcoming congregation (Kehilah) where varied Jewish experiences offer pathways to learn and to experience God for all, respecting tradition and creating new celebrations.

We are an active liberal presence in the larger Jewish community (K'lal Yisrael).  
We strive through social action to fulfill the Mitzvot of caring for others (Gimilut Chasadim) and repairing the world (Tikun Olam).



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## June 2021

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		1 21 Sivan	2 22 Sivan 12:45pm TALMUD	3 23 Sivan	4 24 Sivan Kabbalat Shabbat	5 25 Sivan Torah Study Shabbat Services CHAI LEGACY SHABBAT
6 26 Sivan TIRS	7 27 Sivan TIRS LAST MONDAY	8 28 Sivan	9 29 Sivan 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS LAST WEDNESDAY	10 30 Sivan Morning Minyan	11 1 Tamuz FAMILY FUN Kabbalat Shabbat PRIDE SHABBAT	12 2 Tamuz Torah Study Shabbat Services KALYA MCILHAGGABAT MITZVAH
13 3 Tamuz TIRS YEAR END CELEBRATION	14 4 Tamuz	15 5 Tamuz	16 6 Tamuz 12:45pm TALMUD	17 7 Tamuz BOARD MEETING	18 8 Tamuz Kabbalat Shabbat TRIBUTE FOR MORAH SUE	19 9 Tamuz Torah Study Shabbat Services
20 10 Tamuz	21 11 Tamuz	22 12 Tamuz	23 13 Tamuz 12:45pm TALMUD	24 14 Tamuz Morning Minyan	25 15 Tamuz Kabbalat Shabbat	26 16 Tamuz Torah Study Shabbat Services ETHAN BONN BAR MITZVAH
27 17 Tamuz	28 18 Tamuz	29 19 Tamuz	30 20 Tamuz 12:45pm TALMUD			

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