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From the Rabbi

There is a long debate in the Talmud about when redemption will come. Some argue it will come in Tishrei, the month of Rosh Hashanah. Others argue it will come in Nissan, the month of Pesach. Both have good cases. Tishrei is the time of abundance and leisure; the hard summer work is over and the barns are full. Pesach, on the other hand, is the time of rebirth as the world awakens after the winter slumber. Although we hope for redemption at all times, these two viewpoints do seem to connect to two personality types.

Some are steady builders. They see the challenges of the world as made up of tiny blocks. You can tackle each block and eventually grind down the barriers. Little by little, year by year, the walls of hate, poverty, violence, ignorance, cruelty and more are eroded through the steady micro-deeds of good people. These are the people of Tishrei; they are the good farmers who toil incrementally and unceasingly to grow a better world.

Some are explosive revolutionaries. They see the challenges of the world as huge slabs of durable stone. You could try to chip away at them but you will run out of strength long before you have made a significant dent. The deep foundation stones of the world's ills have to be blasted loose before they can be hauled away to the dustbin of history. This takes sharp, powerful action that shakes a community out of its slumber. These are the people of Nissan; they are the eruption of life that sweeps away Winter's darkness.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Joshua Neely
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Sisterhood

The WLCJ Florida Region Spring Conference is being held at the Embassy Suites in Altamonte Springs on April 22-24, 2018. Cathy Swerdlow will be installed as the President of the Fabulous Florida Region and our Sisterhood is celebrating by hosting the installation dinner and evening program.

Anne Schimberg, Immediate Past Region President, will preside over the installation of the Region officers and Rabbi Neely will install Cathy. Following installation there will be a musical program by Cantor Jacki Rawiszer of Congregation of Reform Judaism accompanied by Kathy Shlage on keyboard and Justice Milsom on cello.

The evening will begin with the arrival of Conference attendees at 6:00 pm for Mincha followed by dinner catered by TinaMarie Catering coordinated by Fabienne Kaplan. Following the program there will be a dessert reception.

To RSVP for the Installation, please use the conference flyer on page 7 and mark the line for INSTALLATION ONLY. Checks should be made payable to Women's League Florida Region and sent to Roberta Schreiber.

Sisterhood members (and potential members!) are encouraged to attend all or part of the Conference and funds to help defray registration fees are available. Contact Arlene van de Rijn for more information.

Warm regards,
Arlene Safer van de Rijn, Sisterhood President
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Education

MAGAL (Meitin Alliance for Growth And Learning)

A Collaborative Religious School by Temple Israel and Temple Shir Shalom

Chag Pesach Sameach! Happy Passover to all! This month our school will think about foster children in our area as they assemble Birthday in a Box kits for the Foundation for Foster Children in Winter Park on April 8. Thank you Emily Raij, Temple Israel's Ma'asim Tovim Chair, for bringing this mitzvah project to our school! MAGAL students and our younger Bagels and Blocks friends will be packing items donated in the March collection but if you have medium or large gift bags to add – please bring them! Walmart, Target, Visa, Amazon, AmEx or Mastercard gift cards would also be appreciated to meet so many personalized needs, such as birthday gifts, educational incentives, athletic equipment, prom and interview attire, and more.

Open House: On Sunday, April 29, we open our doors to potential future MAGAL students. If you have any friends or family members thinking about enrolling in our school next year, this is the day to come see what we are all about!

Parent/Teacher Schmooze dates: Ms G April 8, Miss Christie April 22, Mr Chuck April 29. From 12:00 pm-12:30 pm.

Upcoming Dates – Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday, April 8 – Bagels & Blocks-tots & grown ups 9:30 am-11:00 am

Friday, April 20 – Religious School Shabbat Service 7:30pm

Sunday, April 29 – Open House 11am – 12:30pm

Friday, May 4 - Religious School Shabbat & 7th Grade Graduation 7:30pm

Sunday, May 6 – Last Day of School!

NO SCHOOL: April 1

Tot Sunday Program

Tot Sunday Program – The Meitin Alliance for Growth And Learning is having its last **Bagels & Blocks** program of the year on Sunday, April 8 from 9:30 am-11:00 am. Tots bring your favorite grown up and join us for crafts, music, snack and more. This program is $10 per session. Please RSVP to the office at 407.647.3055.

Youth Programs

L'Dor v'Dor – Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 8** from 12:30-1:30pm for the next event for our children in **grades 2-5**. **Penelope Neely** will be leading the group in fun activities with an Israel theme. Please RSVP to her at penelope.neely@gmail.com.

Kadima – April 29 is the **Sub Regional Adventure Island Day**. If your middle schooler is interested in making the trip, please contact Susan Morgan at shiramulka@gmail.com. Kadimaniks – take a peek at the pictures below of our USYers at Planet Obstacle – your trip to this indoor adventure is **May 27**!

Kadima & USY – Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 15** when our middle school and high school groups will join other area Jewish teens for J-Serve. J-Serve is the international day of Jewish youth service, providing teens a unique opportunity to band together through service as a united global network committed to fulfilling the Jewish values of gemilut chasidim (acts of loving kindness), tzedakah (charitable giving), and tikkun olam (the responsibility to repair the world). Temple Israel's own Dylan Sachs is on the J-Serve task force and can answer any questions you may have. Registration for the event can be completed through the JCC website. RSVP to Kris Crane at Elijah1298@aol.com if you'd like to carpool from Temple Israel.

USY – Our high schoolers descended on **Planet Obstacle** in Lake Mary on Sunday, March 18 and had a great time on the bumper cars, ropes course, zip line, giant rock wall, and ninja course. Whew!

This month is the **USY HaNegev Regional Convention** at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando **April 20-22** which will focus on social programming, Israel awareness, social action, leadership training, grade level connecting, creative services, and the opportunity to meet other teens from across the south east part of the United States. Contact **Stephanie Brauner** at Stephanie.brauner0221@gmail.com or **Susan Morgan** at shiramulka@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 28 at 8pm our USY kids will join other Jewish high school teens from Temple Shir Shalom for Havdalah followed by a movie. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kris Crane at Elijah1298@aol.com.

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Hello Temple Israel Family,

We have met many of you, but we wanted to introduce ourselves as new members. We are the Magness Family, **Laura & Dav**id, and we have our two kids **Adam** (3) and **Meredith** (19 months).

We live in the Lake Nona area of Orlando and before that, have lived in various places (Merritt Island, Ft Lauderdale, and Wisconsin.) David is a family physician who works at Disney seeing employees and their dependents, and Laura is a professor of psychology at Valencia College as well as a clinical psychologist.

We look forward to being more active with Temple Israel as time goes on and are especially excited to meet other families with young kids such as ours!

David & Laura Magness (and Adam and Meredith)

Each month, students in **Temple Israel** and **Temple Shir Shalom's** collaborative religious school, the **Meitin Alliance for Growth And Learning** (MAGAL), participate in collecting food for the **JFS Pearlman Food Pantry** based on a fun theme. The theme for the March collection was "birthday party" and included cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, and candles.

The focus of this collection theme goes along with the **MAGAL Mitzvah Day** planned for April 8, during which students will assemble "**Birthday in a Box**" kits to donate to the **Foundation for Foster Children** in Winter Park. The kits will include the candles as well as gift cards, gift bags, and birthday cards that students will make while the cake mix, frosting, and sprinkles will be donated to the Pearlman Food Pantry.

Assembly of the kits will take place during the **Bagels & Blocks** "me and my grown-up" session that morning so that even the youngest kids can participate. This local, **student-led service project** encourages students to focus on the community in which they live and learn about how they can help other kids in meaningful ways.

Temple Israel Takes on the Restock Challenge!

As we rid our homes of chametz before Passover and refill our pantries afterward, let's help JFS Orlando restock the Pearlman Emergency Food Pantry as part of their Restock Challenge!

Now through April 15, please take one or more of the paper shopping bags located in the Roth Social Hall and foyer and fill them with non-perishable food items. Then, bring your filled bags back to the same collection spots, and JFS will pick them up from Temple Israel. You can also drop off your bags directly to the food pantry at The George Wolly Center, 2100 Lee Road, in Winter Park.

Monetary donations are also welcome!

The Ben Weiner Family and The Winter Park Wealth Group
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WLCJ Florida Region Conference

Kesher: Explore Your World of Connections

Sunday–Tuesday, April 22–24, 2018

Embassy Suites Orlando North: Altamonte Springs, Florida

Registration is from 10:00– 11:45am. Conference begins with lunch at noon.

Conference Highlights:

Sunday, April 22:

- ✓Connection to Community with Keynote Speakers Jennifer Weiss Wolf and Dana Marlowe
- ✓Installations of our New Florida Region Board at Temple Israel, Winter Springs and entertainment by Cantor Jacki Rawiszer

Monday, April 23

- ✓Connection to Women's Health and Wellness
- ✓Connection to Spiritual Health
- ✓Connection to Jewish Past and Future
- ✓Israel's 70th Birthday Celebration and Dinner with Klezmer Concert

Tuesday, April 24

- ✓Connection to Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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EARLY BIRD by April 8, 2018	$250.00
Full conference rate after April 8th	$275.00
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Please call the Temple Israel office at 407.647.3055 or the Temple Israel Cemetery office at 321.972.9893.

Schedule of Passover Services

Friday, March 30 at 6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat in the Savage Family Chapel
Sunday, April 1 at 9:30 am in the Savage Family Chapel
Friday, April 6 at 9:30 am in the Savage Family Chapel
Saturday, April 7 at 9:30 am in the Rein Sanctuary with Yizkor

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2 Sue Tatum
2 Etty Baru
7 Emily Raij
7 Craig Golub
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7 Ethel Gibbs
8 Andrew Shapiro
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11 Maxwell Ihns
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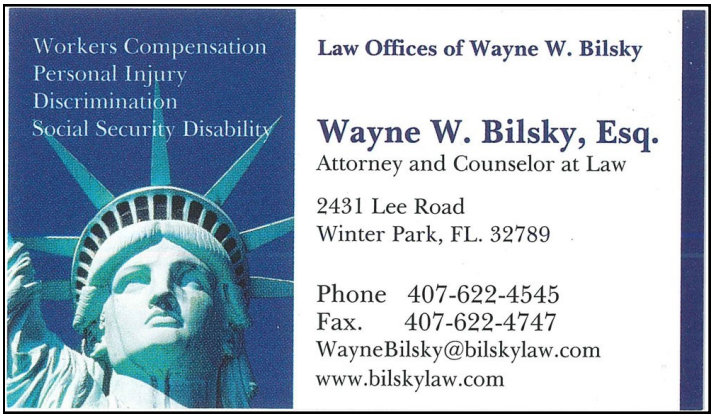

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