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From Our President:

By Eric Hoffman

Temple Israelites,

In this space I usually write to you about all of the various activities that are taking place at **Temple Israel**. But this month, I would like to take the opportunity to write about something different. First, I would like to thank **Terri Susan Fine** for all of her help in organizing leaders for services, d'var torahs, and sermon leaders during **Rabbi Neely's** summer vacation. Terri has been doing this for more years than I can remember and I know that it is hard work. Yet this summer, like every summer, we survive the Rabbi's absence without skipping a beat. Thank you, Terri!

Second, I would like to tell you all about an adventure I had recently:

Just a few weeks ago, I returned from a family vacation to **China** and wanted to share with you a bit of history that I learned about while I was away. While in China, we spent a couple of days in **Shanghai** and on one of those days we visited the **Jewish "ghetto"** of Shanghai. I am not sure what you know about the history of Shanghai, but I will pass on to you what I took from our tour. **Note:** this is only the history as interpreted by me and has not actually been fact-checked to the fullest extent that it should be.

Door decoration from the Jewish "ghetto."

How many of you have heard of the name **Oscar Schindler**? I am willing to bet that almost all of you have heard of him and know that he is a **non-Jewish mensch** who is credited with saving thousands of Jewish lives during **World War II**. How many of you have heard of **Dr. Feng Shan Ho**? I am also willing to bet that many fewer of you are familiar with this name. However, he is also a non-Jewish mensch that is credited with saving thousands of Jewish lives. There are a couple of interesting factors that came together to enable Dr. Ho to be able to save these Jews and this is what I want to retell.

Ticket window of the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum.

The first factor: Shanghai is a large Chinese port city known for its shipping and trade. This began in the middle 1800s after the **British** victory over China during the first **Opium War**. After a couple of trade deals were forced upon the Chinese in the early 1840s, Shanghai became an international city with settlements established by the **British**, **Americans** and **French**. Shanghai flourished as a center of trade and thousands of foreigners relocated to Shanghai because the treaties that opened Shanghai ports stated that one did not need a visa in order to relocate

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to Shanghai. The fact that one did not need a visa in order to relocate to Shanghai becomes of major importance as the **Nazis** begin to take over **Europe** in the 1930s.

Statue in the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum

The second factor of how Dr. Ho saved Jewish lives is that in 1938 the Chinese consul general to **Vienna** was assigned to Dr. Ho. When he saw the atrocities that were taking place against the Jews in **Austria**, he wrote travel visas for Jews to enable them to leave Austria. However, these visas would not be recognized by the **Japanese** forces occupying mainland China … except for Shanghai, which was still recognized as an international city. Therefore, Dr. Ho was able to write travel visas for Jewish families which enabled them to escape **Nazi occupied Europe** and flee to Shanghai.

When the Jews settled in Shanghai, most of them settled in a single part of the city, effectively creating a Jewish "ghetto." During our trip, we were able to visit that part of the city and see buildings (including their synagogue) built by these **European Jews** living in Shanghai. It was quite a fascinating experience and I took pictures and kept a newspaper article about the **Jews of Shanghai**. I will have these with me at synagogue to show if you are interested.

So, if you see me at Temple Israel, please feel free to stop and ask me any follow up questions about Shanghai or the rest of my trip to China. Moreover, if you have your own story to tell about the Jews of Shanghai, I would love to hear it.

L'Shalom,

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The Hoffman family on the Great Wall of China. From l,r: Amanda, Gabrielle, Eric & Will.

From Our Congregational Life Coordinator

By Susan Bernstein

When you think of Israel many times the idea of A Land of Milk and Honey comes to mind. Less often do we think of Israel as a Land flowing with new inventions and ideas. We have much to be proud of when we look at the list of innovations sprouting from Israeli ingenuity and creativity. Here are a few inventions you should take note of:

1. The PillCam – the first pill that can be swallowed to record images of the digestive tract. The capsule is the size and the same shape as a pill and contains a camera.

2. USB flash drive

3. WAZE - This GPS based travel app gives you turn-by-turn information and up to date traffic statistics. It is now in use in over 100 countries

4. In 2008, Israeli company EWA developed the technology to produce drinking water out of thin air. A condenser absorbs the air's humidity, holds it in silica based gel granules, and then condenses it into water. 85% of energy used is pumped back into the system.

5. Israel invented modern drip irrigation in the early 1960s. Drip irrigation allows you to save water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants through a network of plastic pipes, which is highly useful in areas where water is scarce.

6. Israel developed the BabySense device, which helps prevent cot deaths by monitoring a baby's breathing and movements through the mattress while they sleep. An auditory and visual alarm is activated if any irregularities occur during their sleep which has helped parents overcome the fear of cot deaths.

7. Viber – This app allows you to make calls across the world for free using WiFi.

This is truly an impressive list of inventions produced by such a small country. Many times necessity really is the mother of invention.

If you would like to see the wonders of Israeli ingenuity firsthand and visit the most popular sites, I invite you to consider the Temple Israel congregational trip that I am planning to lead sometime in March or April 2016. Specific itinerary, costs and dates are being worked out and will be available shortly.

L'Shalom,

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From Our Youth Director

By Eliana Gershon

I often find myself thinking about opportunity. Many times there are wonderful opportunities in our wake, of which we fail to take advantage. For me, and probably many of us, a huge example of this is the beach. This is the first time in my life that I live within driving distance of the ocean, and yet I do not take advantage of the opportunity to go to the beach. How many of us are guilty of this in our lives? Proximity tends to make us jaded or indifferent. We can always go tomorrow, right? We can make plans with that one friend, take that vacation, or follow that dream anytime after all. I'm reminded of the famous teaching of Hillel, "If not now, when?" Although generally thought of as a rhetorical question, why don't we strive to answer it? Sure, procrastination is a factor in all of this, but how often do we simply run out of time? Life piles up, priorities are rearranged, and eventually the back burner flame peters out. It's time to start answering the question. "Fine, not now, but when?" I am striving to carve out time each week that is solely in pursuit of my passions and interests. I am answering the question, and learning so much because of it.

As you look over your list of items to make time for, I hope one is being involved in our Temple Israel community. I am rolling out a new volunteer program for USY teens called Tzevet (staff in hebrew), which will allow teens to help run and even create programming for our religious school students. Not only will teens feel a deeper connection to their community, but also younger students will benefit from more vibrant and dynamic lessons with some help from their role models. For more information about the Tzevet program, please contact me at youthdirector@tiflorida.org.

Parents, if you haven't yet, please consider attending a youth commission meeting. We would love your input and support in creating the best possible programming for our kids. A list of upcoming meetings can be found on our website (tiflorida.org) calendar. Also please visit https://www.tiflorida.org/youth-membership to sign up for youth groups for the 2015-2016 year. There is an opportunity for everyone to get involved this year, when will you?

L'Shalom,
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From Our Sisterhood President

By Nancy Stern

As I read about the latest happenings in **Israel**, I once again marvel at the amazing freedoms we enjoy here in the **United States**, not the least of which is the freedom to observe as much or as little of a religion (any religion!) as we want. Where else can we enjoy being **Conservative Jews** with as much choice in participation as we want – both in terms of religious and non-religious activities.

Temple Israel is blessed to have a large variety of programs available for people to choose from. We get weekly blasts as well as this monthly **Bulletin** informing us of all that is going on … and it is completely up to us to attend, to offer to help plan, to participate in services or whatever the week may bring. How have you chosen to become part of the Temple Israel community? Are you a member of **Sisterhood** or **Men's Club**? Are you on a committee and provide your input to help make Temple Israel the best it can be – and all that you want it to be?

It is very easy to be part of the community at Temple Israel – all you have to do is show up. You hear of the warm welcome that people receive when they come to services or programs … I know that's one of the reasons I joined Temple Israel. And I try to pay that forward by being just as warm and welcoming when I meet someone new here as well. I don't know everyone at Temple Israel, and I'm constantly meeting people I haven't met before - which I love. You don't have to immediately jump into being on a board, but come to programs, come to services, don't just be a name on a list – let us put a face to your name and be sure you are included in the *kehillah* which makes us so special.

L'Shalom,
Nancy Stern
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Did you know . . .

The Judaica Shop has been completely revamped over the past year, thanks to our two **Women of the Year**: **Darci Brammer** and **Mardi Weiner.**

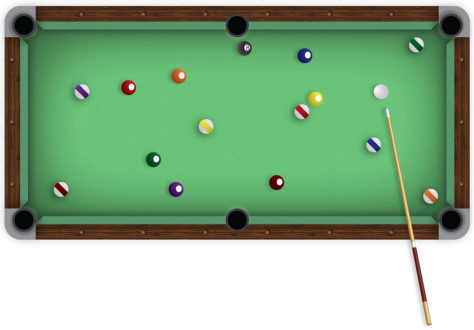
In addition to the new layout, there is a lot of new merchandise for you to peruse, as well as books (kids and adult) and cards for all occasions. Also, if there is something in particular you would like to get, please let Darci or Mardi know – they'll see what they can do!

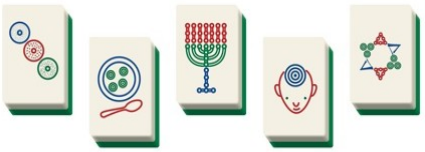
You can keep up on Facebook – the Judaica Shop has its own page – or stop in next time you're at Temple Israel (so long as it's not Shabbat or a holy day). The Shop is open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons during religious school. Also open during regular synagogue office hours and by appointment. For an appointment, please call 407.647.3055.

Game Night at Temple Israel!

Monday, July 6, at 7:00 pm in the Lounge

Whatever your game is … the first Monday of the month is your night!





Come and enjoy a great game of **Texas Hold'em**, **Mah Jongg**, **Chess or Pool** (or learn how!). Refreshments will be available, and it all goes down in the Lounge. When you arrive, enter through the front of the temple. All are welcome!

Sponsored by Temple Israel's Men's Club

Questions? Please call Joe Ihns at 407.267.2000.

Mishna Brachot Study with Rabbi Neely

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Temple Israel

Come be a part of the conversation and debate that has been at the core of our people. Beginning next Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm, we will study and argue over the fundamentals of prayers and blessings, with many digressions, tangents and modern applications. No previous experience necessary! A copy of the mishna is available on theUSCJ website or at sefaria.org. **This will be a weekly class**. Contact **Rabbi Joshua Neely** for more details at rabbi@tiflorida.org.

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The Roth Family
Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando

Family Night at Second Harvest Food Bank

Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - 411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL, 32805

Come join other families from **Temple Israel** as we learn about Second Harvest and then sort donations that they have received. The activity for this night has been specially planned so that anyone age 5 and up can participate. That would include children in **Morah Sharon's** class and of course, our older children. Feel free to bring your grandchildren, nephews, and nieces even if they are not TI members. Let's show our ruach in doing good deeds in support of those in need!

Second Harvest FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

fighting hunger. feeding hope.

If you are not familiar with **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida**, it is a private, nonprofit organization that collects and distributes donated food to more than 550 nonprofit partner agencies in **six Central Florida counties**: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia. Last year, with the help of numerous donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, the food bank **distributed nearly 64 million pounds of grocery products** – the equivalent of more than 53 million meals – to partner programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, women's shelters, senior centers, day care centers and Kids Cafes.

Second Harvest Food Bank receives tons of donations from various sources. Often times, these donations need to be sorted. Volunteers are needed to help check for damage, check expiration dates and repack donations. Volunteers are sometimes needed to create our **Hi-5 Program kids** packs or it may be that we need volunteers to help bag produce/meat or restock our coolers in the agency mart area. It really just depends on what donations are in the warehouse.

Participants MUST wear closed toe shoes (make sure they're comfortable – you'll be standing on a concrete floor).

To sign up, interested volunteers will need to register in the Second Harvest system with the join code A851. Click the link below to get started:

http://shfbcf.volunteerhub.com/userregistrationwizard/usernamepassword

After you register, you can sign up for the shift (July 15th 6-8 pm). Please also let the TI office know that you are coming and how many children (with their ages) will be with you. Also, how about car-pooling? It makes the ride more fun :) If you are interested, let us know when you register - we'll coordinate the rides a few days before the event.

For more information, please contact **Nancy Stern** at cookwithnan@yahoo.com or 407-314-3520

Jewish Apps for your Mobile Device

Sunday, July 17 at 4:00 pm in the Roth Social Hall

From microchips to cell phones, Jewish engineers and scientists have been at the bleeding edge of the computer and communication revolution. Judaism is not far behind. There are many apps, programs and sites that make Judaism richer and more rewarding. Join **Rabbi Joshua Neely** for a demonstration and explanation of these remarkable tools for enchaining our spiritual and cultural lives.

Refreshments at 4:00 pm followed by the presentation at 4:30 pm.

Men's Club Fishing Trip

All Fired Up! Event

Prayerful Meditation

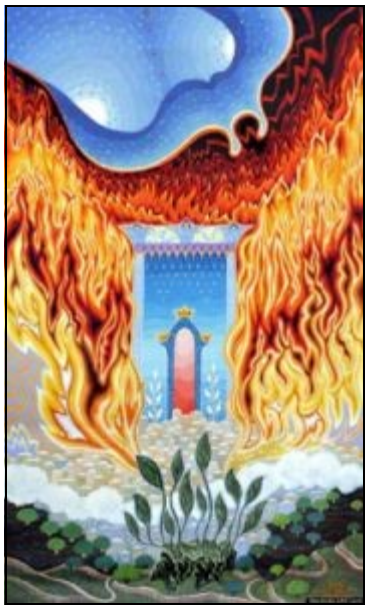
Saturday, July 25 at 9:30 am in the Savage Family Chapel

An experiential workshop to help open up the channels of spirit that connect us to God. Led by Rabbi Neely, this will include meditation, guided imagery, breathing exercises and more.

Held in the Savage Family Chapel every last Shabbat of the month.

Community Wide Tisha B'Av Service

Temple Israel is proud to host the **Greater Orlando Tisha B'Av commemoration** on July 25 at 9:00 pm in our Rein Sanctuary. We will be conducting an evening service with participants from across the **Orlando community**. It is a special moment to show solidarity to overcome despair.



The saddest day in Jewish history is the ninth of the month of Av. On this day, **the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple** in 586 BCE and **the Romans burned down the Second Temple** in 70 CE. On this day we remember the **fall of Bar Kochba**.

Other tragedies in Jewish history that occurred on this day include the **expulsion of the Jews of England** in 1290, the **expulsion of the Jews from Spain** in 1492 and numerous **actions by the Nazis during the Holocaust**.

To commemorate these tragic events, our sages designated **Tisha B'Av** as a full fast day, like **Yom Kippur**, from one evening to the next. In addition to fasting, other prohibitions include drinking any liquid, bathing, wearing leather shoes, etc.

On Erev Tisha B'Av we gather to read the **Book of Lamentations** (*Eicha*) with a special trope melody. This is an ancient dirge written by the prophet **Jeremiah** after the destruction of the First Temple.

During the synagogue service it is customary to sit on the floor, as mourners, and we are not to greet each other, also as mourners. During the morning service we do not wear tefillin, because it is considered too joyous an act for so sad a day.

Passport to Hebrew

The **Meitin Religious School** will once again offer **Passport to Hebrew**, a summer experience for those who want to brush up on their Hebrew. This year our theme will be archeology: how to dig into our past, and what we learn from the relics that are found. Each day we will uncover another period of history and learn how different civilizations lived. And, of course, Hebrew terms will be introduced while we explore our past.

Passport to Hebrew will meet Wednesday through Friday, August 5, 6, and 7 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm (includes dinner). You may come for one session - $10/student; two sessions - $15/student or three sessions - $20/student. The program is open to all and families are welcome to participate together. For more information contact **Susan Bernstein** at 407.647.3055 ext.304 or kehillaclc@tiflorida.org.

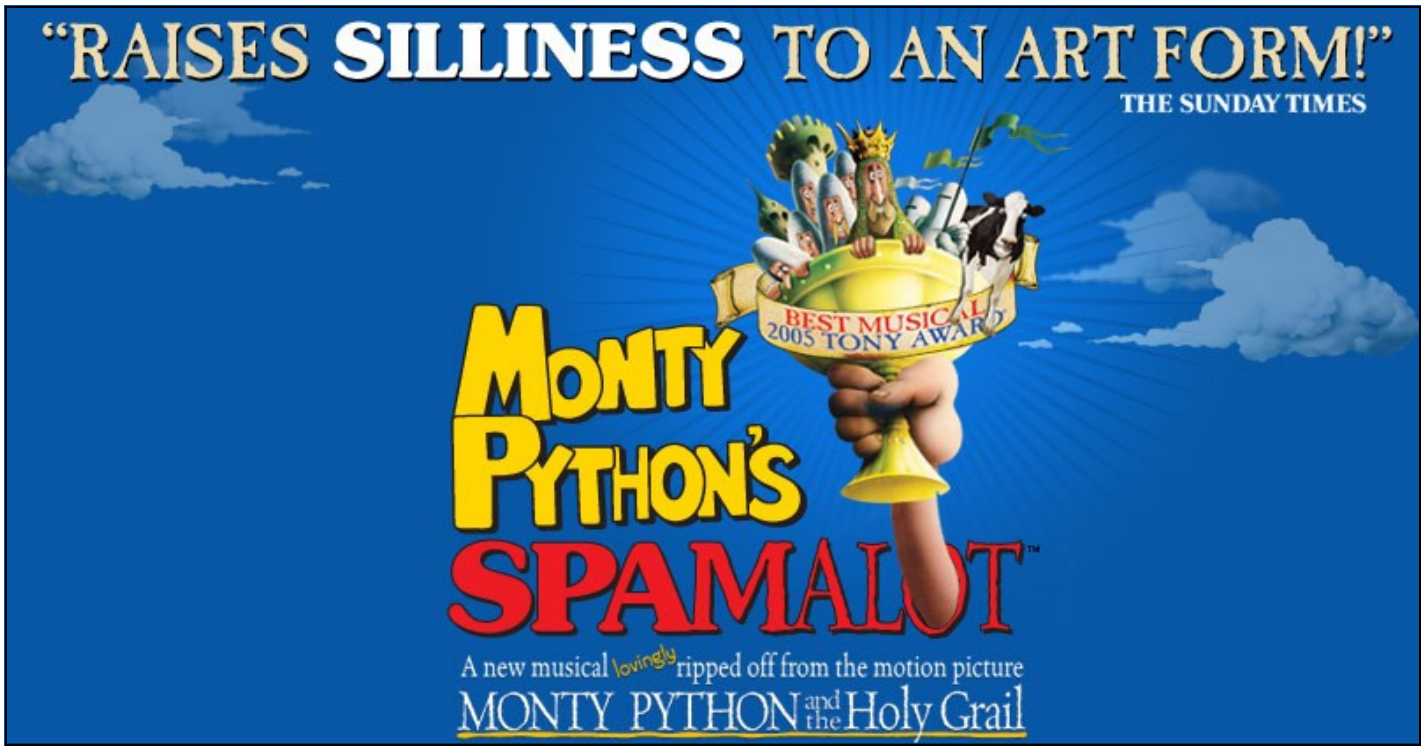
Mark your calendars for Friday, August 7

Friday, August 7 starting at 6:30 pm it's Shabbat Dinner with your friends and family at Temple Israel. Then we'll usher in Shabbat with a Simcha Kabbalat Shabbat and celebrate our August birthdays & anniversaries! After the Oneg, **Debbie Meitin** will be leading us in another whirlwind night of Israeli Dancing!

ORLANDO Shakespeare THEATER
in Partnership with UCF

Save the Date!
Sunday, October 11, 2015
at 2:00 pm

The **Membership Committee** has reserved seats for **Temple Israel** members and guests for the **Orlando Shakespeare Theater** production of



SPAMALOT

We have reserved 40 seats in **Sections A & B** of the **Margeson Theater** for the **2:00 pm performance** with a **meet & greet beginning at 1:00 pm** in **Harriett's Café**.

Seats are 20% discount priced for: Section A (Gray) $48 & B (Red) $36

(The seating chart is on the website, **orlandoshakes.org**, under "Tickets")

To express interest in attending, please contact the temple office at office@tiflorida.org and 407.647.3055.
More information will be coming in the near future.

The Nominating Committee Needs Members!

Please be notified that anyone interested in being selected to serve on the **Nominating Committee** for the slate of officers and trustees for 2016 must submit his/her name to the Secretary (**Mollie Savage**, craftycats77@gmail.com, 407.579.3472) no later than August 7, 2015. Only the names submitted to the Secretary shall be presented to the **Board of Directors** at its September meeting for a vote. The Board of Directors will select six members of **Temple Israel** to serve on said Nominating Committee of which three shall be members of the Board of Directors and three shall be general members not presently serving on the Board of Directors. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to be nominated for an office. You may contact **Arlene van de Rijn**, Nominating Committee Chair, for further information (**Arlene van de Rijn**, awvdr1026@aol.com, 407.761.1243).

Happy Av! That means it's time to start thinking about the High Holidays and the Temple Israel High Holiday Choir. We are looking for a few good voices, people who can listen and want to share their talent with the Temple Israel Congregation. The director is a music professor, and our own Cantor is the organizer. **Fluency in speaking Hebrew is not necessary**. If people have been saying you have a nice voice, and if you can read music a little bit, please contact **Debbie Meitin** (dmeitin@gmail.com) to set up a try-out. Rehearsals start in mid-July!

Attention Temple Israel!

Sisterhood is asking for volunteers to help make the lunches for Saturday morning Shabbat. We only need you to serve *once* every *two* months. We are asking you to come to the kitchen at 10:00 am to prepare and help with the serving and the cleanup. We need more volunteers to assist our kitchen co-chairs, **Linda Silverman** and **Arlene Silver**, so that we can continue to provide our delicious lunches on Saturday morning.

This is truly a mitzvah you can do for yourself and your temple. Please call **Phyllis Kamenoff** at 407.389.0828 or the temple office at 407.647.3055, and tell us we can count on you**.**

From your Cemetery Chairman,

Procedures to Follow in Case of Death:

Depending on time of day and of the week, the following are recommended procedures to follow in order to have a proper burial at Temple Israel Cemetery. It is suggested to have prior arrangements made, but not finalized. It is extremely important to know which funeral home will be in charge of arrangement.

First, if the time of death occurs between Monday and Friday, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, a call should go to family members and the synagogue office (407.647.3055). This enables the office to contact the Rabbi immediately.

If by some chance the death occurs after the Temple Israel office is closed, between Monday and Friday, after family members have been contacted, the next call should be to a representative of Temple Israel Cemetery Corporation in order to notify them of the upcoming funeral to be held at the Temple Israel Cemetery. At that time, information can be exchanged in terms of the funeral home that will be taking care of the body and the location of the burial plot will be specified if the plot is already owned. They will then contact the Rabbi who will get in touch with the family. If the death occurs during Shabbat or a Jewish Holiday the same procedure is to be followed. Under these circumstances the Rabbi will contact the family as quickly as possible.

If burial is to tale place at Temple Israel Cemetery these procedures must be followed and adhered to by all parties involved. Any questions concerning protocol should be addressed by the Rabbi.

L'Shalom,
Dick Katz, Cemetery Chairman
templeisraelcemetery@ymail.com

Cemetery Meeting

The 3rd quarter cemetery meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 am at the Cemetery Office. These meetings are always open to the public. If you are coming, please let us know, as the office is a fairly small space. Thank you.

Temple Israel's Cemetery
9200 Morton Jones Road
Gotha, FL 34734

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The Kiddush Luncheon was Sponsored in May by:

- Nancy & Ron Stern in honor of their daughter, Aubrey Leah, becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Geanne & Adrian Share and their kids in honor of Ben's and Olivia's Graduations and Geanne's 60th Birthday.

May Kiddush Luncheon Hostesses:

- Arlene Silver
- Sarabecca Rosier
- Jan Suberman
- Sheri Stearns
- Phyllis Kamenoff
- Debbie Markowitz
- Mindy Markowitz
- Andrea Ravinoff
- Linda Silverman
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Special Kiddush Luncheon Mentions for:

- Phyllis Kamenoff
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- Shirley Gold

Thank You!

Marion Daitzman, Hannah Neely, Steven Oser & Mollie Savage

For volunteering in the office during the month of June.

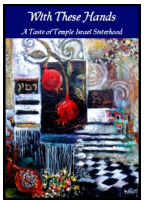
A special thank you to our volunteer copy editors, without whom the Bulletin & Shabbat handout would be rife with grammatical mishaps!

Larry Gutter, Debbie Meitin, Penelope Neely, Arlene van de Rijn, Geanne Share, Audrey St. Clair & Cathy Swerdlow

If you are interested in being an office volunteer, please call 407.647.3055.

WITH THESE HANDS
A TASTE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

$25.00 (includes shipping and handling in the continental US)



If you would like to have a copy of our Sisterhood cookbook, please let us know!
Synagogue Office: 407.647.3055, office@tiflorida.org
Cathy Swerdlow: 407.862.2374, cswerd@gmail.com

Proceeds will benefit the charitable projects supported by Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Ketubot by Joanne Fink

Three styles of Ketubot available
We also have an anniversary commemorative Ketubah
Kosher Scrolls for your mezuzah
$25 each - 2.75" x 2.5"

Open on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings & by appointment.

Like us on Facebook! Look for Temple Israel Judaica Gift Shop.

Birthdays

July

1 Susan Lackman
2 Eileen Lefkowitz
3 Sara Danziger
6 Patty Rose
7 Sabrina Gordon
8 Risa Henig
8 Jocelyne Luck
9 Mardi Rosenfeld-Weiner
12 Debra Winter
14 Mark Kluger
15 Lenny Roland
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17 Penelope Neely
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30 Raz Pinhas

We hope to see you at Simcha Shabbat
Friday, July 17, 7:30 pm
Anniversaries, birthdays and all other simchas will be recognized, and you will be blessed from the pulpit.

Anniversaries

July

5 David & Debra Markowitz
6 Robert & Eve Gassman
7 John & Laurie Feenburg
12 David & Cathy Swerdlow

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 407.647.3055 and we will add you to the list.

Giving Opportunities

An important value in Jewish life is *tzedakah*. Temple Israel provides a simple and meaningful way of fulfilling this righteous act through our family of funds, and giving to Temple Israel in recognition, remembrance or celebration is an appropriate way to enhance those special moments. A card will be sent acknowledging your contribution of $10 or more.

Congregation Funds

Adult Education | Cemetery | General | Library | Ma'asim Tovim | Men's Club | Oneg/Kiddush | Rabbi's Tzedakah Religious School | Temple Israel Jewish Camping Scholarship | Torah Preservation | Youth Programming

Dedicated Funds

Michelle & Wayne Bilsky Education | Elaine Farb Memorial Choir | Friends of Ethan Gold Children's Library Harold & Hannah Rosenblum Education | Marlene A. Davis Art Education | Savage Family Chapel

Prayer Book/Torah Commentary Dedications

The dedication of a prayer book (*siddur*) or Torah Commentary (*chumash*) is a uniquely appropriate way to make a gift of *tzedakah* that benefits the congregation for years to come. Your dedicated *siddur* or *chumash* will be utilized by the entire congregation. A book plate with your specific dedication will be placed in the book prior to its addition into the congregation circulation and an acknowledgement card will be sent. The appropriate minimum contribution for each sacred book is as follows:

- New Shabbat *Siddur Chadash* - $36
- New *Etz Hayim Chumash* - $54

Sisterhood Funds

Temple Israel Sisterhood plays an active role in supporting all aspects of synagogue life. There are two funds that have been established by Sisterhood:

- Sisterhood Scholarship
- Sisterhood General

Donation Form

(You can cut out this form and mail it into the office. Make donations online at www.tiflorida.org/donations)

My/Our Name making donation_____
Address *(must include street, city, state & zip*_____

Enclosed please find $____Please place contribution in the _____Fund _____Date
(default is the General Fund)

☐In Honor of – person(s) name □In Memory of – person(s) name_____

On the occasion of_____

Send notification of my/our donation to *(please fill in complete name & address):*

Name_____
Address_____

For credit cards, include #_____Expiration Date____ Signature_____

Contributions may be made to honor someone on a special occasion or in memory of a departed relative or friend.
Donations are tax deductible.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn	**2**	**3** **All Day:** Office Closed **7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet **7:30 pm:** Kabbalat Shabbat	**4** **9:30 am:** Services **12:30 pm:** Judaism In a Nutshell
5 **9:00 am:** Minyan **7:00 pm:** Budget & Finance Cmte. Mtg.	**6** **7:00 pm:** It's Game Night At Temple Israel!	**7** **7:00 pm:** Executive Cmte. Mtg.	**8** **12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn **7:00 pm:** Mishna Brachot Study with Rabbi Neely	**9**	**10** **7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet **7:30 pm:** Kabbalat Shabbat	**11** **9:30 am:** Services **12:30 pm:** Judaism In a Nutshell
12 **9:00 am:** Minyan **11:00 am - 1:30 pm:**Summer Sunday at the JCC	**13**	**14**	**15** **12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm:** Family Night at Second Harvest Food Bank **7:00 pm:** Mishna Brachot Study with Rabbi Neely	**16**	**17** **7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet **7:30 pm:** Simcha Kabbalat Shabbat	**18** **9:30 am:** Services **12:30 pm:** Judaism In a Nutshell
19 **9:00 am:** Minyan **10:30 am:** Marketing & Membership Cmte. Mtgs. **4:00 pm:** Jewish Apps for your Mobile Device	**20**	**21** **7:00 pm:** Education Cmte. Mtg.	**22** **12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn **7:00 pm:** Mishna Brachot Study with Rabbi Neely	**23** **7:00 pm:** Ritual Cmte. Mtg.	**24** **7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet **7:30 pm:** Kabbalat Shabbat	**25** **9:30 am:** Prayerful Meditation **9:30 am:** Services **12:30 pm:** Judaism In a Nutshell
26 **9:00 am:** Minyan **10:00 am:** Men's Club Mtg.	**27**	**28** **6:00 pm:** Youth Cmte. Mtg. **7:00 pm:** Sisterhood Board Mtg.	**29** **12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn **7:00 pm:** Mishna Brachot Study with Rabbi Neely	**30**	**31** **7:00 pm:** Meet & Greet **7:30 pm:** Kabbalat Shabbat	

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Meet & Greet every Friday at 7:00 pm before services

Sunday Minyan: 9:00 am (in the Savage Family Chapel)

Prayerful Meditation: Saturday at 9:30 am every last Shabbat of the month (in the Savage Family Chapel)

Weekday Community Minyan at the Jewish Academy: 7:45 am, Monday-Friday

Temple Israel's Keepers of the Flame

Not surprisingly, our membership dues do not cover Temple Israel's expenses, and without generous donations we would be unable to fulfill our mission of building a sacred community. Thus our basic dues represent a member's minimum financial commitment. Recognizing that there are many members who have the ability and the desire to provide greater support in addition to their basic dues, Temple Israel created a membership category called Keepers of the Flame to provide a mechanism for this increased level of giving. The generosity of our current and future Keepers is vital to the sustainability and growth of Temple Israel.

In appreciation of this increased-dues level of commitment, Keepers of the Flame are welcome at all Temple Israel sponsored Shabbat dinners, synagogue Seders and program events without additional charge. Only a reservation is required. Additionally, there is a designated "Keepers of the Flame" seating area at all of the High Holiday services.

The following giving levels are suggested:

Benefactors	$15,000 and up
Pillars	$10,000 to $14,999
Defenders	$7,800 to $9,999
Guardians	$5,300 to $7,799
Protectors	$3,300 to $5,299
Preservers	$2,400 to $3,299
Kindlers	$2,000 to $2,399

If you would like to be counted among our Keepers of the Flame, please send your giving level to:

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For further information please contact our President, **Eric Hoffman**, at 407.517.8733.