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... from generation to generation"

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**All Shabbat evening services start on
Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

**Shabbat morning Torah Study starts
on Saturday at 9:15 a.m.**

**All Shabbat morning services start on
Saturday at 10:00 a.m.**

NEW DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

**Is Your Contact Information Correct?
Please check the Temple Directory.**

Is your name, address, phone number and
email address up-to-date?

If there are any changes, NEW OR OLD, OR
YOU JUST WANT TO BE SURE, please email or
call the temple office and let us know!
admin@jewishduluth.org or 218-724-8857

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think that summer is finally here to stay (for at least a few weeks)!! This past week I was talking with a friend who lives in Port Aransas, TX and they were right in the eye of the hurricanes last fall. Temple Israel along with millions of others helped with relief efforts in the wake of the disaster. It is much appreciated by those affected, but what we fail to realize is that even though the immediate support is great, months -- sometimes years -- afterwards they are still rebuilding and are in turmoil. Once the media stops talking about it we tend to forget about it. As in life, the immediate attention is great, but what lies later is sometimes worse. Please remember those left in the wake of destruction (physical and mental) in all aspects of life. Keeps your prayers and support coming. Temple Israel is combining the July and August bulletins as we start to prepare for the High Holidays. Yes, I said High Holidays! If you are given an honor to participate in the service, please say yes as it is much easier on the team putting it together and you were asked for a reason. We will have our Temple Choir again this year. If you are interested in taking part please contact Erin Aldridge.

Our front entrance will be getting completed very soon. The butterfly garden is coming along nicely. Hopefully our pothole (AKA Lake Temple Israel) will be repaired in the next couple of weeks!! Things are running very smoothly at Temple. I do know that Cathy will need some help with High Holiday stuff very soon. If you would like to help her out please let her know. This is a HUGE undertaking. Thank you and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Josh Widdes
Temple Israel President

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi's Bulletin Article for July-August 2018` / Tammuz-Av-Elul 5778

Most of July this year corresponds with the three-week period on the Jewish calendar known as "beyn hametzarim" ("between the confined places"). These are the three weeks from the 17th of Tammuz



Thank you to all Temple members who donated checks and clothing (prom dresses, shoes, purses, suits/sport coats, and dress shirts!) to Life House Prom 2018. Margie Nelson, Marketing & Communications Officer for Life House, sends her appreciation and thanks for all of your efforts. Margie said "...the Prom went great, just over 50 youth were there for this year's Masquerade theme event".

John Sillanpa

July Birthdays

- 3 - Howard Krenzen
- 4- Deb Carroll
- 5 - Marilyn Blunt
- 6 - Kathy Stinnet
- 7 - Jack Krenzen
- 10 - Mark
Abeles-Allison
- 11 - Elizabeth
Abeles-Allison
- 14 - Cindy Glazman
Michaela Shamblott
- 16 - Deborah Petersen-Perlman
Doug Kaplan
- 18 - Muriel Abram
- 20 - Carrie Halvorson
Kinley Halvorson
- 21 Charity Gurovitsch
- 22 - Douglas Hoffman
Albert Weiner
- 25 - Carrie Kayes
- 26 - Abbot Apter
David Steinberg
- 27 - Steven Bloom
Hannah Wodrich
- 30 - Mark Pogorelskin
Zachary Kaplan
- 31 - Dan King

July Anniversaries

- 3 - Abbot and Pascha Apter
Marsha and Richard Eisenberg
- 4 - Terri and Steven Seiler
- 8 - David and Deb Carroll
- 11 - Toby and Sharon Marcovich
- 15 - Gary & Janice Latz
- 16 - Gerald and Judith Cohen
- 19 - Danny and Angie Frank

(this year falling on June 30 but observed the following day because of Shabbat) and the 9th of Av ("Tisha B'Av," falling this year on July 21st but observed the following day because of Shabbat). The mishna records that (in 586 B.C.E.) on the 17th of Tammuz the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem and that on Tisha B'Av, they destroyed the First Temple. (M. Ta'anit 4:6). These events are heartbreakingly described in *Megillat Eichā* (the Book of Lamentations), traditionally chanted on the evening of Tisha B'av. The expression "beyn hametzarim" itself comes from Lamentations 1:3 -

בְּלִתָּהּ יְהוּדָה מֵעֲנִי, וּמֵרַב עֲבֹדָה--הִיא יִשְׁכַּח בְּגוֹיִם, לֹא מִצָּאָה מְנוּחַם; כָּל-
רִדְפֶיהָ הִשְׁיִגוּהָ, בֵּינֵהֶם מְצָרִים.

*"Judah was exiled by poverty and by excessive hard labor. She sat among the nations, not finding any rest. All her pursuers caught up with her **between the confined places.**"*

Tradition also records that many other tragic events in the history of our people occurred on Tisha B'av, including the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E. and the expulsion from Spain in 1492. And, providing a midrashic starting point for all these tragedies, tradition teaches that Tisha B'Av was the date on which God had decreed that the generation who left Egypt - and who had succumbed to the pessimism of the majority report of the 12 spies - would not merit entering the Promised Land. (Num. 14: 26-38).

The three Sabbaths between 17 Tammuz and 9 Av are known as "T'lat d'furanuta" (the "Three [Sabbaths] of Rebuke") in reference to the special haftarot for those Shabbat mornings (from Jeremiah and [First] Isaiah) which emphasize social criticism of the Israelites for their (our) failures of compassion and justice. The Talmud (Avodah Zarah 9b) goes on to assert that the first Temple was destroyed because of idol worship, sexual impropriety and the spilling of blood and that the Second Temple was destroyed because of "sinat chinam" ("causeless hatred"). And then asserts that this teaches us that causeless hatred is the equivalent of the other "big three."

Contemporary liberal Jewish communities have long been justifiably ambivalent about Tisha B'Av. And, like most Reform and many Reconstructionist congregations, we don't have any official Temple Israel Tisha B'Av services scheduled. Why should we mourn the destruction of the ancient Temples when, really, we're much happier with the decentralized, prayer-oriented "avodat ha-lev" ("service of the heart") that succeeded the ancient Jerusalem-based, priest-and sacrifice-oriented "avodat bet hamikdash?" And when we're not looking to displace the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount with a Third Jewish Temple? And, most importantly, when we're not in forced exile from the land of Israel anymore since we can freely go there and become citizens of the Jewish State under the Law of Return?

Still, the pull of ancestral memory is strong. We still break a glass at the end of a joyful wedding ceremony so that we will be reminded of the events of the ninth of Av. And we are reminded of the psalmist's vow, "If I forget thee O Jerusalem, may my right hand wither; let my tongue stick to my palate, if I cease to think of you, if I do not keep Jerusalem in memory even at my happiest hour" (Psalm 137: 5-6)

And we muse about how different the history of our people might have been if we had never been exiled from Eretz Yisrael in the first place. If we had never been exiled, would there never have been Crusades and Shoah in Europe? Would there never have been any

August Birthdays

- 3 - Charles Glazman
4 - Maren Shablott
5 - Bruce Lurye
6 - Inara Lassard
9 - Gabriel Polacsek
11 - Jan Aldridge
 Alex Apter
 Maureen O'Brien
13 - Jacob Kayes
 Jake Manning
14 - Jim Perlman
 Evelyn Weiner
16 - Diane Gould
20 - Lisa Squillace
21 - Ed Shanblott
22 - Blake Cazier
 Andy Niemyer
23 - Carol Cohen
24 - Gabrielle Abels-Allison
 Eli Tianse Abeles-Allison
 Chris King
 Kristin Shablott
25 - Wendy Schwartz
 Toby Sillanpa
26 - Janice Wiseman Latz
28 - David Wiltrout
29 - Jacob Waters

August Anniversaries

- 5 - Tom and Pam Griggs
 Janet and Steve Rosen
6 - Mark and Lisa Abels Allison
 Mike and Betsy Rosenzweig
14 - Carol and Mark Weitz
15 - Charles and Tracy Goman
18 - Jay and Dee Dee Widdes
20 - Douglas Hoffman and Jennifer
 Pearson
26 - Dale and Roberta Taran
 Joel Weiner & Betsy Helgesen
28 - Ben and Heidi Yokel
31 - David Vosen and Elyse Carter Vosen

Please call or email the office if we missed your birthday or anniversary or have the wrong data!
Our database is being updated often.
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June Donations

Cemetery Fund
Muriel Abram

question about the validity of Jewish sovereignty in that small corner of the Middle East?

On Passover (and throughout the year) we are reminded not to oppress others because we were slaves in Egypt. In an analogous manner, on Tisha B'Av (and throughout the year) we are reminded to work to ease the plight of refugees throughout the world ---- very much including those arriving each day at our own southwestern border with Mexico --- because we were refugees in the diaspora when the ancient Temples were destroyed.

Of course, one of Judaism's great strengths is the way it works to balance downbeat mourning with joyous thanksgiving. And, indeed, once Tisha B'Av is passed we move from the Three Sabbaths of Rebuke to the Seven Sabbaths of Consolation leading up to Rosh Hashanah. Each of these seven Sabbaths includes a haftarah from [Second] Isaiah that stresses the theme of hope and faith.

Perhaps the most famous of those seven haftarot is the first one, from Isaiah 40, that begins with the words "Nachamu, nachamu ami"/ "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people". Shabbat Nachamu falls this year on July 28th (of course, beginning the previous evening, on Friday, July 27th).

From there we begin our approach to the High Holidays, which grows more intense and focused as we get closer to Rosh Hashanah, arriving this year on Sunday night September 9th.

In the meantime, I wish for everyone a beautiful and rejuvenating summer.

L'shalom,
Rabbi David Steinberg
rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

It was a shorter than usual meeting, and we are approaching the solstice, just a week away, so when I left the Temple Israel Board Meeting a couple hours ago, it was still light outside!

There's more time to accomplish stuff and enjoy our beautiful surroundings! Plenty is getting done by the Board, staff and many others!

For one, the Fundraising Committee reached it's goal of \$6500 in just 3 weeks, with it's Un-Fundraising project. A big thanks to everyone who contributed!

Another big accomplishment: I left the building with 110 cans of tuna to bring to the CHUM Food Shelf! Our new role as the Tuna Congregation is already going swimmingly!

Our goal is 200 cans per month, and I know we can do it, once we get into the routine.

This is one of our first initiatives as a recently re-started social action committee. Several Temple Israel members attended the CHUM Spring Assembly, where we got some good ideas and motivation act to help those in need and also to work toward change where injustice occurs.

Endowment Fund

Jack and Cindy Seiler in memory of
Bessie Hyman

General Fund

Ann Mars in memory of Dr. Peter
Austin and Dale Eason.

Judith and Robert Reichert in memory
of Peter Austin

Carol and Mark Weitz in honor of Roger
Pellett's book publication

Janice and Gary Latz in memory of Leon
Latz

Mike Grossman and Holly Church in
memory of Peter Austin and Dale Eason

Toby Marcovich in memory of Peter
Austin

Jane Fisher in memory of Helen
Goldsmith, Harvey Winthrop, Lorraine
Glazman, Cindi Orensten and Bob and
Selma Goldish and in honor of Beverly
Goldfine.

Karen and Gary Westorff in memory of
Peter Austin

Michelle Wallerstein in memory of Peter
Austin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Michelle and Michael Baddin in
memory of Kathy Bresser

Tom and Pam Griggs in memory of
"Cookie" Aho

Harry Glazman Kiddush

Jane Fisher in honor of John Fisher

Youth Fund

Francine Gurovitsch in memory of
Benjie Gurovitsch

Marko Retirement

Hillary and Dennis Davidson

Remember those in care facilities

Shirley Goldberg - St. Anne's

Dorothy Slonim - Benedictine Health
Cente Barbara Segal - BeeHive Homes

We also have connected to the **Union of Reform Judaism Religious Action Center** where there are tools and resources for social action work, and an online platform to collaborate and share ideas.

Please let me know if you would like to be on the **Social Action email list so you can join us in collectively take action guided by our Jewish values: dfreedman@wagnerzaun.com**.

While I added the role of co-chair of the social action committee (with Hannah Lieberman), I remain co-chair, (with Deb Carroll), of the caring committee.

It has been a while since we updated our list of helpful people we can call upon to make a visit or bring a meal to Temple Israel members when they are ill or hospitalized.

Maybe there are new members who don't know about the caring committee, or long time members who were very busy, and now have time to help now and then.

If you would like to be on the caring committee email list, or have questions about the caring committee, please contact me:

dfreedman@wagnerzaun.com.
It would be greatly appreciated!

Debbie Freedman

NEWS FROM THE HEBREW AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

A couple days before the summer solstice, my 13-year-old son spent a good chunk of the morning upstairs in his bedroom – sleeping in, reading the manga series Fullmetal Alchemist, checking in with his friends via text and on-line. When he finally appeared downstairs, I asked him what he had been doing.

“Nothing productive,” he said with a sheepish smile and a shrug.

“Good,” I replied.

I think my reply surprised him.

By my standards I, too, had enjoyed a lazy summer morning. Instead of getting up when I awoke just before 7, I spent a full hour in bed, finishing the Tony Hillerman novel Skeleton Man.

Dawn had passed. The birds had stopped their incessant chirping. The neighborhood was quiet. I noticed the sun shining and the cool breeze blowing in my window.

Yes, I had a magazine story to complete, this bulletin article to write, and a commitment to work with one of my students on a Cub Scout religious award – in addition to my duties as a Mom.

But first I needed some time to recapture the feeling of my childhood summers. I needed to enjoy a few moments of peace -- a state of tranquility or quiet, as defined first in Webster's.

May you enjoy many moments of peace this summer.

Due to the way the High Holidays fall in September, we have delayed the start of Religious and Hebrew School until Saturday, Sept. 22.

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY THEATER PRESENTS

Jessica Michna as

GOLDA MEIR

The Journey



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Rising from the ashes of the Holocaust, modern Israel celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

DCHS History Theatre brings Jessica Michna, well-known historical performer, to our stage once again; this time as GOLDA MEIR, Israeli prime minister during the turbulent, war-torn years of the 1960's.

If you've seen any of Jessica's past presentations at DCHS, you won't want to miss this one. GOLDA MEIR will be presented for one performance only, Sunday, July 29 at 2 pm. Tickets are on sale now; reserve yours today at douglashistory.org by phone at 715-392-8449, or in person here at 1101 John Ave.

The school calendar will be posted shortly. School forms will be sent out in late July. While I expect many teachers to return, others will be hired in August.

I hope to see all our students and parents back in September.

L'shalom (to or toward peace),
Andrea Novel Buck
Youth Education Director

The Fundraising Committee invites everyone to join us on Friday, July 20.

We will be sponsoring the Oneg that evening to celebrate the fact that our congregation exceeded our year's fundraising goal in only 3 weeks! We are so proud and excited with how the community came together to support this project. Thanks to all who have participated!

We will also be holding the **thank you prize drawing** that evening (if you are interested in a diamond necklace, Duluth Huskies season tickets for 2019, or a Hilton two-night stay in the Twin Cities!)

So if you didn't get around to contributing yet, we encourage you to do so by July 15.

Again, mazel tov to all of us on this accomplishment!

--Fundraising Committee



"SHABBAT ON THE RANGE" SERVICE IN VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA ON JULY 13th

Rabbi David will be leading a special Shabbat evening service at the historic Bnai Abraham Synagogue and Museum in Virginia, Minnesota on **Friday evening July 13th at 6:00 p.m.**

The synagogue is located at 328 5th Street South (5th St. South & South 4th Ave.), Virginia, MN 55792. All are welcome. (The regular Shabbat evening service at Temple Israel in Duluth will also be held at 6:00 that evening, led by Mark Weitz, for those not participating in the Virginia service. **Thanks, Mark!**)

Our annual “Shabbat on the Range” service provides an enjoyable opportunity for members of Temple Israel, most of whom live in or near Duluth, to strengthen our ties with our fellow Temple Israel members who live on the Range, as well as providing outreach to others in the Jewish community in Virginia and nearby towns.

We’re grateful to the members of “Friends of Bnai Abraham” who each year help us plan for Shabbat on the Range.

If you’re not already familiar with that organization, you might enjoy checking out their website at <http://ironrangejewishheritage.org/> for more information about that historic synagogue and about its current schedule of cultural activities.

On August 3rd, the monthly Family Service will be held at 6:00 pm at the Billings Park pavilion in Superior, Wisconsin.

Bring a vegetarian dairy dish and an outdoor game to share. Temple Israel will provide drinks and vegetarian options for the grill.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL THAT EVENING



High Holiday Choir

If you are interested in singing in the High Holiday Choir, please contact Choir Director Erin Aldridge at ealdrigd@uwsuper.edu for more information. If you sang in previous years we definitely hope you'll come back! And if you haven't been in the choir before and are interested in trying it out this year we'd love to have you!

The tentative schedule of remaining rehearsals and **performances** is as follows:

- Saturday, August 3 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 10 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 17 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 24 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 1 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 8 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- **Sunday evening 9/9 (Choir performs at Rosh Hashanah evening service)**
- **Monday morning 9/10 (Choir performs at Rosh Hashanah first day service)**
- **Tuesday morning 9/11 (Choir performs at Rosh Hashanah second day service)**
- Saturday, September 15 from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday evening 9/18 (Choir performs at Kol Nidre service)**
- **Wednesday morning 9/19 (Choir performs at Yom Kippur morning service)**
- **Wednesday afternoon 9/20 (Choir performs at Yom Kippur Afternoon and Concluding Services)**

We welcome new and returning singers to join the choir even if you are only available to sing during some but not all of the above High Holiday services.

RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM CONVENTION

(Nov. 15-18 in Philadelphia, PA)

(celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

Rooted and Relevant: Reconstructing Judaism in 2018

- Convention registration is open! Register now at Reconvention2018.org to secure an early bird discount.
- To apply for financial aid, visit Reconvention-Scholarship.
- To donate to the Convention Scholarship Fund, visit Reconvention-Donate.

For more information, visit Reconvention2018.org or contact Jackie Land at jland@reconstructingjudaism.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 18 tammuz	2 19 tammuz	3 20 tammuz 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	4 21 tammuz	5 22 tammuz	6 23 tammuz 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service Oneig sponsored by Jill Eichenwald in memory of her father Bryan Eichenwald.	7 24 tammuz 9:15am Torah Study 10am Shabbat morning service
8 25 tammuz FAST OF TAMMUZ	9 26 tammuz CANADA DAY	10 27 tammuz 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	11 28 tammuz 1:00 Mahjong INDEPENDENCE DAY	12 29 tammuz	13 1 av 6:00 Shabbat Evening Service 6:30 Shabbat on The Range.	14 2 av 9:15am Torah Study 10am Shabbat morning service <i>Pochas</i>
15 3 av	16 4 av	17 5 av 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	18 6 av	19 7 av	20 8 av 6:00 Shabbat Evening Service Oneig sponsored by Fundraising Committee with PRIZE DRAWING!	21 9 av 9:15am Torah Study 10am Shabbat morning service Devazim SHABBAT CHAZON EREV TISHA B'AV <i>Mator-Masei</i>
22 10 av	23 11 av	24 12 av 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	25 13 av 1:00 Mahjong	26 14 av	27 15 av 6:00 Shabbat Evening Service	28 16 av 9:15am Torah Study 10am Shabbat morning service <i>Va'et'chanan</i> SHABBAT NACHAMU
29 17 av TISHA B'AV	30 18 av	31 19 av 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	<p>JUNE</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>		<p>AUGUST</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	

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12 1 elul	13 2 elul	14 3 elul 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	15 4 elul 11:30 a.m. Learners Lunch	16 5 elul	17 6 elul 6:00 Shabbat Ev Serv. Oneq sponsored by Josh Widdes to honor the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jay and Dee Dee.	18 7 elul Rosh Chodesh Re'eh
<p>ROSH CHODESH</p>						
19 8 elul	20 9 elul	21 10 elul 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	22 11 elul 1:00 Mahjong	23 12 elul	24 13 elul 6:00 Shabbat Evening Service	25 14 elul Shofram
<p>ROSH CHODESH</p>						
26 15 elul	27 16 elul	28 17 elul 5:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew	29 18 elul	30 19 elul	31 20 elul 6:00 Shabbat Evening Service	<p>SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p>
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