**Weekly Schedule of Virtual Meetups**

Join us for Torah study, Fridays at noon; and for Shabbat services on **Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.** e-mail the Temple office to obtain Zoom links if you do not already have them.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the GOOGLE calendar for Temple Israel on our website. Complete with all the conveniences a GOOGLE calendar brings - Including the ability to look at a week, or month, get additional details of an event AND PRINT yourself a copy!

The Temple Israel Building remains closed for services, classes, and regular events. If you are at the building conducting business or picking up materials, MASKS are REQUIRED in accordance with city of Duluth and State of Minnesota ordinance and executive orders.

**Office hours are 8:30am - 12:00pm Tuesday thru Friday.**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Who Are We?

I recently saw a commercial on TV – can’t remember the product or service being advertised – but it featured a number of very good looking young people (at least 50 years younger than me) answering the question “who are you.” The answers, as you might expect, were totally hip: fashionista, gearhead, sneaker aficionado, etc. But it got me to thinking about who we are as members of Temple Israel.

This has little or nothing to do with how observant we are, which brand of Judaism we identify with, or the frequency of our attendance at Services. I strongly believe that the most critical component of our identity as members of Temple Israel has to do with being a supportive community for each other.

Recently, a member of our community lost a parent. A shiva Service was organized, on Zoom of course. I had expected a substantial turn out of support. I was disappointed.

We all have lots to do. We all have countless demands on our time and attention. We all have days and times when we’re just not available. Understood. But next time, whether you know the member or not, whether you are socially friendly or not, whether your beliefs are at opposite ends of the spectrum or not, if you have the time...if you can make the time,, we owe each other a sacred duty to stand together in support. It’s what makes us who we are.

-- Mark Weitz

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**FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY:** March 2021 (Adar-Nisan 5781)

So, we have come full circle, an entire year of Jewish holidays under the shadow of Covid-19. Last year, as Passover was approaching, we were still in the early weeks of the pandemic -- even entertaining idle hopes that it would be over and done with by summertime. We cancelled our Temple Israel congregational second night seder last year thinking (or at
least hoping) that things would soon be back to normal. Now that a year has passed, we do indeed have reason for hope. Some of us have already been fortunate enough to be able to receive one of the new anti-Covid vaccines. And most if not all of us should be able to get those inoculations within the next several months. (And if you need help using the internet to search for and sign up for COVID 19 vaccination appointments, please let the Temple office know and we will try to get someone to help you navigate that process.)

In the meantime, we will be having our second night congregational seder this year --- like so many other recent activities --- on Zoom. Please use the regular link that we use for Shabbat and other worship services throughout the year. I hope to see many of you for our Temple seder on Sunday evening March 28th at 6:00 p.m.).

And let us continue to remember to count our blessings and to be generous in our charitable giving for those less fortunate than ourselves. We may still be slogging through the pandemic but, hey, it beats being slaves to Pharaoh, amirite?

Wishing you all a happy, sweet and (however you define it for yourselves) kosher Pesach!

Chag same’ach,
Rabbi David Steinberg
rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org

P.S. With respect to that “kosher” aspect, see elsewhere in this bulletin for information about authorizing me to sell your chametz, a time-honored tradition that puts us in the holiday spirit and motivates us to give tzedakah.

February included many virtual opportunities to learn, engage in prayer, and to enjoy each other’s company (Temple Israel Black History Month Films/discussions, Learner’s Lunch, Megillah reading), and there are many more events coming. Another Jewish film festival is being planned, speakers are being scheduled, and a there is a big event coming this summer. As for the near future, the next Learner’s Luncheon is March 17th. Rabbi Roy Mittelman will speak on “Jewish Life in Morocco with Special Attention to Muslim-Jewish Relations” and Passover is in March as well.

Financial reports indicate that we are currently in good shape and our investments are benefitting from the strong stock market. We also received a new PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan, which will help assure that our staff remains employed during the time our building is closed due to the pandemic.

We have three new members this month. Hopefully we will be able to greet them in person in the not too distant future. Welcome to Natalie Belsky and Chris Densler, and Devante Lockett!

submitted by Deb Carroll

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS
For the first time in nearly a year, I felt a few blessed moments of normalcy.

Chris King, Elizabeth Kaplan and I were in the Temple kitchen – rolling out and cutting dough into circles, spreading them with raspberry jam and Nutella, then folding and pinching them into the tri-cornered shape of Haman’s hat. Although we were masked and spaced well apart at the stainless-steel baking cabinets, we were talking and laughing while we baked 150 hamantaschen for our students and fellow teachers.

We were about an hour into the task, when a moment of silence brought us to voice the
same realization: our activity made us feel so “normal.”

I felt the same way again later that day when returning to bag the hamantaschen after it had cooled. I opened the 16th Avenue East door and the sweet smell of the pastries wafted down from the kitchen. The smell was wonderful. And it reminded me sharply of how long it has been since anyone has cooked in the Temple kitchen.

When I have been at Temple to develop lessons and teach classes online this year, I am usually alone in my office. Sometimes Rabbi David or Nicole or Mona are here, in their offices, or Marko is in the boiler room, but most often not. Even during regular office hours, entry by others into the building is highly limited.

The most activity I experience occurs on the last Mondays and Tuesdays of the month when Chris and Elizabeth put together the Jewish learning packets we send home to our preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students. Pick-ups of the packets involve one parent entering the back hallway, occasionally with a student in tow, and a few minutes of brief conversation with whoever of us is manning the door. For some families, it’s just a quick hand-off at the door.

I know that all of us are anxious for more blessed moments of normalcy.

As fortunate individuals in our Temple community receive the COVID-19 vaccination, local schools re-open to more students, and local businesses begin to open more to the public, I ask that everyone please continue to mask up, stay socially distanced and refrain from going out when you are sick. Normalcy will return. But for most of us, it and a vaccination remain many months away.

Youth Education Director
Andrea Novel Buck

Remember those in care facilities
Carol Cohen, The Pines Three
Paul King, St Ann’s
Rochelle Rubin, Benedictine Health Center
Barbara Segal, BeeHive Homes
Barb Russ, BeeHive Homes
Aaron Glazman, Edgewood Vista
Francine Gurovitsch, Chris Jensen Health & Rehab Center
Welcome to the Alexander Family!

Ari and Jamie Alexander, along with their children Akiva (5 ½) and Maya (almost 4), discovered Duluth during a vacation last summer - and they liked it! They purchased a home and moved their family from San Francisco to London Road this fall. Ari stated that both he and Jamie have done work in climate change and their research pointed them toward this region as a permanent home for their family. They became members of Temple in January and have already started participating in Religious School and zoom services. This is the farthest north they’ve lived and so are looking forward to enjoying winter activities. Akiva is already looking forward to helping the family plant a big garden in the backyard come summer. Please welcome Ari, Jamie, Akiva and Maya when you see them - either online or, when life gets back to normal, in person.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

J Street’s 2021 National Virtual Conference
April 18th-19th, 2021

Join us at J Street’s 2021 National Virtual Conference April 18th and 19th. J Street's conference is a major, landmark gathering for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans and the American Jewish community and pro-diplomacy progressives across the country. The entirely virtual format for 2021 will showcase more diverse and innovative programming than ever before. Participants will also receive access to pre- and post-conference training and community events as well.

At the dawn of a new day for our country, this event will send a clear message about the principles and policies that American leaders must embrace to revitalize the pursuit of peace and justice in the Middle East and to promote democracy and equality at home and abroad.

Previous speakers have included President Joe Biden, Senator Bernie Sanders, Ambassador Susan Rice, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State John Kerry, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, etc.

Learn more and register HERE. Tickets start at just $50; use the code TempleIsraelMN2021 for 20% off!

Email conference@jstreet.org for more information.

One Happy Camper Fund
Thanks to the generosity of The Michael and Anita Siegal One Happy Camper Fund, limited $1,000 incentive grants are available. Any Jewish child who would like to have a first-time experience at a Jewish overnight camp and
who lives in a community that is part of JFNA’s Network of Independent Communities is eligible to apply. (Duluth is considered a part of the Network of Independent Communities)

To apply online for the One Happy Camper grant, click here. For a printed application, click here and follow the instructions on the application. These grants are first come, first served. Families must apply by Friday, March 12, 2021 to be considered. Applicants will be notified by Friday, April 2, 2021, if they have been awarded one of these grants. This is an incredible opportunity and we hope you will spread the word in your community.

To learn more about the One Happy Camper first-time incentive scholarship initiative of the Foundation for Jewish Camp or explore the numerous Jewish camp possibilities for children, click here.

If you have questions regarding the One Happy Camper grant application process for Network communities, please contact Edward Finkel, JFNA Network Regional Director, at (212) 284-6530 or by e-mail at edward.finkel@jfna.org

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CHUM Book Club to Begin Meeting in March

Ben Margeson, CHUM’s Congregational Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, will be leading a book club starting in March on the book, "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" which details stories, statistics and insights about the devastating effect evictions have on families across the country. This book will build your understanding and desire to advocate for creating more opportunities for housing. It won the Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction in 2017. There will be two separate alternative weekly meeting times, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon starting on March 2nd and 3rd. The club will meet on Zoom. To sign up and get the link to the meeting or for more information, please contact Ben Margeson at bmargeson@chumduluth.org or call 605-690-7619.

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A Message from St. Louis County Public Health to Faith Communities

If you, someone you know, or someone in your families/churches/or social spheres, is a resident of St. Louis County, and in the 65+ age category that has not been vaccinated yet, we are now populating a wait list.

What this means is that they will need to be ready for a call in the afternoon, and be able to drop what they are doing travel to the site within about 15-45 minutes or so depending on when we reach out.

Please send us an email at: VaccineScheduling@stlouiscountymn.gov

Please state in the email you would like to be on our wait list giving us their name and best phone number for contact purposes.

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Temple Israel Little Free Library – Coming Soon!

Donations Needed

In honor of I Love to Read Month, we will be installing a Temple Israel Little Free Library. We plan to erect it outside of Temple this spring when the ground thaws.

To purchase a Little Free Library weather resistant kit (assembled and ready to install, see photo), weatherized post and topper, and customized charter sign saying, “Temple Israel Little Free Library,” plus shipping will cost approximately $750. It’s handcrafted in the United States by Amish artisans. We’re buying it from the founders of the Little Free Library movement--joining their effort to build community, inspire readers, and expand book access for all.
If you would like to help support this endeavor, please send a check to the Temple office with memo line: Little Free Library. Thank you! Any questions? Contact Linda Glaser.

ADULT BEGINNING HEBREW
URJ is now offering an online Adult Beginning Hebrew class! For a full class description, click HERE. Familiarity with Hebrew can be a key to feeling at home in the Jewish community. Learn the shapes and sounds of the Hebrew alphabet, with a warm and supportive educator to guide you and a group of classmates for practicing together. Recognize and understand common Hebrew words and phrases that are often heard in Reform congregations and in Jewish prayer. Perfect for Introduction to Judaism alumni and other adults, this course assumes no prior Hebrew experience.

The March Class filled up before this bulletin was even published! HOWEVER, you can now add your name to the WAIT LIST, people on the wait list will be notified when registration opens for the next session. The next session is anticipated to begin in June. Scholarship assistance upon request is available to Temple Israel members and to parents or guardians of students in Temple Israel’s Religious and Hebrew School.

LEARNER’S LUNCHEON
Please contact the Temple office at admin@jewishduluth.org for the zoom link.

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATE

- On Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1:00 p.m. via zoom, Rabbi Roy Mittelman, Director, Michael and Irene Ross Program in Jewish Studies, The City College of New York, will speak on "Jewish Life in Morocco with Special Attention to Muslim-Jewish Relations."

Book Group
Next book discussion will be via zoom on Sunday, April 18, 2021, 1:00 pm.

We will be discussing HAVEN by Ruth Gruber.

All are invited and you don't need to have read the book to attend. Any questions for this one, contact Tom or Pam Griggs.

Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

March 5 & 6 -
6:00pm & 10:00am; Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-34:35)

March 12 & 13 -
6:00pm & 10:00am; Vayakhel/Pekude (Exodus 35:1-38:20 & 38:21-40:38)

March 19 & 20 -
6:00pm & 10:00am; Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1-5:26)

March 26 & 27 -
6:00pm & 10:00am; Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36)

Temple Israel continues to work to support all members of the congregation during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are in need of assistance with meal deliveries, pharmacy or food runs, please contact the office to be connected with a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please also contact the office. (218) 724-8857 or admin@jewishduluth.org
March Birthdays
1  Bram Bystrom
2  Tom Buck
4  Sharon Marcovich
   Terese Tomanek
5  Jamie Alexander
8  Ariella Streit
   Sheryl Grana
   Francine Gurovitsch
9  Gideon Mailer
11 Zachary Wallerstein
12 David Wallerstein
13 Tom Griggs
14 Michael D. Rosenzweig
15 Kate Siegler
16 Jill Cornwell
18 Fred Friedman
   Sharyl Gurovitsch
   Julia Cheng
20 Joan Bischoff
   Raphael Roazen
21 Betsy Rosenzweig
22 Robin Seiler
   Mari Trine
23 Richard Levey
28 Steven Christensen
30 Michelle Solomon

March Anniversaries
4  Dennis and Hillary Davidson
8  Dana Krivogorsky & Peter Grundt
10 Lyle & Lynn Bergal
11 Charles & Cindy Glazman
17 Tina Alcala-Sales and Jim Alcala-Sales
24 Andrea & Hunter Chartier

March Donations
Donations received 1/23/21 – 2/26/21

Cemetery Fund
Dale & Roberts Taran  In Memory of Frank Taran
Dick & Diane Gould  In Memory of Reine Freimuth

CHUM/Food Shelf
Anonymous
Carol Cohen  In Memory of Bernard Cohen

General Fund
Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Leo
   Grossman

Robyn Wesenberg
Anonymous
Scott & Frieda Hall
Susie Rosenzweig  In Memory of Alan B. Rosenzweig
Mark & Carol Weitz  In Memory of Herbert Gelb
Lisa Squillace  In Memory of Shirley Cohan
Mark & Carol Weitz  In Memory of Diane Cook
Burton Cohen  In Memory of Herbert & Ruth Cohen

Beverly & Erwin Goldfine Fund
Steve Goldfine
Don Schibel  In Memory of Jeanne Schibel
Nina Miller  In Memory of Albert & Lavina Clarfield,
   Peter Miller, Frances Kieffer

Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund
Aaron Glazman  In Memory of Bella Glazman

Hebrew School Fund
Emma Ross  In Memory of Della Houy

Little Free Library Project
Jack & Cindy Seiler
Linda Glaser
Mike Grossman & Holly Church
Sarah Austin
David & Deborah Carroll

Rabbi Professional Development Fund
Tina Alcala-Sales  In Memory of Jesse B. Alcala

Recording for the Blind
Mike & Michelle Baddin  In Memory of Harry Bear
Lenore Bear  In Memory of Harry Bear

Religious School Fund
Allyz Kramer Polacsek  In Memory of Genevieve Mettler
Pam & Tom Griggs  In Memory of Diane Cook
Mike & Michelle Baddin  In Memory of Diane Cook

Social Action Fund
Linda Glaser  In Honor of Sheryl Grana
Anne Scherer  In Memory of Ester Livenstein

If we are missing your Birthday or Anniversary, please contact the office at admin@jewishduluth.org
SALE OF CHAMETZ (Mechirat Chametz)

The disposal of leaven (chametz) before the start of the Passover holiday traditionally requires not only the removal or storing of all chametz, but also its dispossession. Traditional Jewish law states that we are not even allowed to own any chametz during the entire Passover holiday. Therefore, to enable us to fulfill these traditional requirements, Jewish law provides for a technical procedure whereby we can sell all chametz in our possession for the duration of the holiday. This is known as “mechirat chametz” (“sale of chametz”). If you wish to take part in this tradition, please complete the form below and submit it so that it is received by Thursday, March 25, 2021.

It is traditional to make a special tzedakah donation called “ma’ot chittim” (“wheat money”) when selling one’s chametz. Therefore, please consider making a donation to MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER when submitting the authorization form below. You can do so by visiting their website www.mazon.org or by enclosing a check to “Mazon” which Temple Israel can forward to that organization on your behalf.

PLEASE COPY AND SUBMIT THE FORM BELOW TO RABBIDAVID@JEWISHDULUTH.ORG OR MAIL IT TO HIM IN CARE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL, 1602 E. 2ND STREET, DULUTH, MN 55812

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2021/5781 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I (we), the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Steinberg to act in my (our) behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me (us) – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined in Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein chametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Passover, which this year begins with sundown on Saturday, March 27, 2021 and runs through sundown on Saturday, April 3, 2021 (for those who observe seven days of Passover*) or through sundown on Sunday, April 4, 2020 (for those who observe eight days of Passover*).

Name(s): _____________________________________________________________________

Address(es) to which this authorization applies:
________________________________________ ____________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

I (we) observe Passover for (check one of the following):
___ seven days
___ eight days

* In the Torah, Passover is a seven-day holiday. According to rabbinic law (halachah), Jews in Israel observe 7 days and Jews outside of Israel observe 8 days. However, the Reform and Reconstructionist movements officially observe 7 days outside of Israel as well as in Israel.