FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As I write this, Passover has just ended. I hope all of you had a good holiday and that all who needed a place to go for the first seder found a welcoming home. As you know, Temple Israel hosts a communal second seder. We are, at heart, a volunteer organization, and our wonderful seder could not have happened without the efforts of many of you. The following people deserve our thanks: First, for cleaning and preparing the kitchen, Sharon Kaner, Judy Gordon, Theresa Neo, David Schafroth, Pam Griggs, Terese Tomanek and Bonney Austin.

For preparing and cooking the seder meal, preparing the seder plates, and making sure everyone got fed, the first kudo goes to Theresa Bobula, who created the menu and was the primary cook. Assisting her were Theresa Neo, Chris King, Howard Kieffer, Tom Griggs, Gayle Held, Victoria Kaufmann, Cindy Seiler, Bernie Bernstein, Neil Glazman, Tina Alcala-Sales, David Butts, Marat Bakpayev and Laila Seidakhmetova.

If you examine this list of names, you will see a wonderful mix of old-timers, newer members, very new members, and young supporters who have not yet taken the membership plunge. It warms my heart to see so many caring individuals. Seriously, many, many thanks to each of you.

And yet….we could use so many more helpers on so many different levels. I’m going to focus on just one. As a small congregation (not tiny, but small), we are so fortunate to have a building and a full-time rabbi. Believe me, I hear from many presidents on the URJ small congregations website who do not have what we have. But we only have one rabbi, and when he is not in town, it falls to us to become service leaders.

I know, it’s scary. We’re unsure of the tunes; we’re not comfortable leading the singing; we stumble over Hebrew; we don’t like being “on stage” alone; we’re not confident we know the service; and/or we don’t feel confident in our knowledge of Torah. All reasonably good excuses. But the fact of the matter is, we still need you to step up.

I don’t want to speak for Rabbi David, but knowing him as I do, I am sure he would help anyone design a service that you would be comfortable leading. As would I. So I hope a few of you will take the plunge. There are so many resources on line, from singers to Torah interpreters, you may find you actually enjoy the preparation.
At the end of the day, the viability of this Temple depends on our collective willingness to keep it alive. Will you help?

-- Mark Weitz

**FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:** May 2022 / Nisan - Iyar - Sivan 5782

I’m writing these words on the morning of April 26th (Sorry Nicole for the late submission!), my first day back at work after a week’s vacation in the “Old Country” – which for me of course refers to New York.

As many of you know, my childhood was spent in the outer boroughs and suburbs of New York City. In particular, some of my most formative years (from age 4 and a half to just before I turned 12) were in the Brighton Beach – adjacent part of Coney Island, on the southern tip of Brooklyn. Growing up Jewish there, I didn’t really have any visceral sense of being part of a minority group. Virtually everyone I knew was Jewish. On Chanukah, most of the apartment building windows had menorahs, with very few Christmas decorations to be seen. Almost all of the kids in my elementary school, P.S. 100, were Jewish, and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were public school holidays. And there were a dozen or so synagogues in walking distance in my neighborhood. One of them, Sea Breeze Jewish Center, was where I first went to Hebrew School, walking there with friends on our own every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from P.S. 100 when public school would let out.

So last week I was back there on vacation. The main impetus of the trip was to run in the Brooklyn Marathon. (A hamstring injury a couple of months ago led me to drop down to the half marathon but I was happy to be able to finish that shorter distance.) My sister Robin, who lives in Florida, came up to New York to run the race as well. (My brother Brian still lives in New York). The race took place Sunday morning, April 24th. That afternoon, joined by my siblings and their significant others, we went down to Coney Island and Brighton Beach, to visit where we had lived as children. None of us had been down there in decades.

It was very moving to me to “step back in time” and at the same time consider how far we had all come in our lives. I’m so grateful to have my brother and sister in my life, even if none of us live near each other.

Here are a few photos of that day, including my old elementary school P.S. 100, my siblings and me on the Coney Island Boardwalk, and me in front of Sea Breeze Jewish Center.
I’m not sure I have a particular Jewish educational “hook” to these thoughts. I guess just to say that my Jewish identity has strong roots and I hope and pray that, through my work as your rabbi, over these past years I’ve been able to transmit some of that “Yiddishkeit” to our Kehillah Kedosha (“holy community” – a traditional name for a Jewish congregation) here in Duluth. Whether, like me, your Jewish identity stems originally from family-based, ethnic roots, or whether you have made the awesome transition of joining our people through conversion, or whether you are “Jewish-adjacent” through your devotion to a Jewish family member --- please know that you are all valued and treasured in our congregation.

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

P.S. Mark is correct in what he says in his article above that I would be happy to help anyone design a service that they would be comfortable leading. Thank you to those who “keep the home fires burning” on those occasions when I’m away. (And it’s nice to be back.)

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Despite Spring having not yet arrived, we celebrated Passover IN PERSON with a second night seder at Temple. Thanks so much to folks who cleaned and prepared the kitchen and to Theresa Bobula and her crew for the meal. As we have transitioned back to in person services we have struggled to get a minyan, especially on Saturday mornings. If you can commit to attending services on occasion, please do.

In addition to services, we have started to host other events at Temple. Learners Luncheons are back. In April Alexis Pogorelskin and Michael Waxman presented on the topic of the Ukraine. There are two lunches scheduled in May. On May 3rd Dr. Jennifer Witt will talk about breast cancer and on May 25th Dr. Jeremy Youde will present on COVID 19. Also save the date for a special night of music as we bring William Hindin to the Marshall School to perform from the Great American Songbook on June 12th. We hope to also feature a couple of local professional performers. Any proceeds will benefit Temple Israel. Stay tuned for other speakers and events in the coming months. MahJong is also returning to Temple. If you want to be hosting your event at Temple, contact Nicole in the office to get on the calendar.

The fundraising committee continues to encourage all members to round-up their dues. Whether you make monthly payments and you want to round up each month, or if you'd rather round up your annual dues, in this time of inflation every extra dollar helps. Please contact the office and let them know if there is a specific fund you would like your extra donation to support.

We have a number of security upgrades coming to Temple. Caulking of the 16th Avenue door is being done by St. Germaine's in the next couple of weeks. The bullet shields are ready to be installed. We have a bid for film on the library windows. The walk-through to plan for audio visual surveillance is planned for late April. The front door is being replaced to improve security and handicap accessibility.

Here’s hoping those April snow showers bring the proverbial May flowers and lots of sunshine and warm weather.

Jill Cornwell

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

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Be strong. Be strong. And we will strengthen one another!

Whoot! We made it through our first full year of in-person classes since the COVID-19 pandemic began.
We experienced several hiccups, but we also were blessed with many, many gifts along the way:

- Beautiful Fall weather allowed us to hold classes outdoors for our youngest students well into November.
- Thoughtful Jewish ancestors who built the then Twin Ports Jewish Community Center left us plenty of space so we could spread classes to windowed rooms and maintain social distancing.
- Technology gave us affordable and portable air purifiers.
- Teachers were willing to put themselves on the front lines to work with students.
- Students complied with wearing masks indoors, happy they could be together again.
- Parents were extra-vigilant in keeping their children home when they had any signs of illness.
- All of us quickly flexed when needed to take breaks or move online due to virus surges.
- And SCIENCE gave us vaccinations for our teachers, then older students, then younger ones.

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There’s still work to do to rebuild our youth’s Jewish learning community and greater synagogue community. But no moment was more moving to me this year than seeing the smiling, mostly maskless faces of all those who attended our school’s Purim play in March.

It’s time to celebrate this journey. Please join us for these events in May:

- Honor our teachers during Shabbat morning services and Kiddush lunch on Saturday, May 14.
- Visit the school’s end-of-year picnic to play a game with the kids or join our potluck lunch on Saturday, May 21.

Many, many thanks for a job well done to our teachers and assistants: Rabbi David Steinberg, Jeff Wallace, Susan Rees, Heather Lassard, Elizabeth Kaplan, Danny Frank, Tom Buck, Paige Wright, Alexis Pogorelskin and Sam Buck. Thank you also to the many parents and others who helped this year – even the smallest task or contribution was appreciated.

Andrea Novel Buck
Youth Education Director

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Dr. Jennifer Witt of St. Luke’s will speak on Breast Cancer: Treatment and Outcomes
Learners' Lunch

gather at 11:30am
Lunch & Program at 12:00pm

Dr. Jeremy Youde, Dean of the UMD College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences will speak on the Pandemic: Lessons Learned and Not Learned

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

We invite you to join us in the celebration as our daughter
Charlotte is given her Hebrew Name

May 14th, 2022
10:00am Shabbat Service
Mikkel & Jessica Haas

Educator Appreciation Service

Help us recognize our team of Educators from the Hebrew and Religious School
Shabbat Service
May 14, 2022 at 10:00am

Calling Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help place flags on graves in the 3 cemeteries for Memorial Day. We provide the flags and a list of names. Tom Griggs will be coordinating this effort, to volunteer contact Tom or the Temple Israel Office.
TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Temple Book Club will be meeting via Zoom on Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing the book EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI, by Naomi Levy. You do not have to read the book to attend. All are welcome to join the discussion. If you would like to attend, please email Michael Waxman at sofawax@msn.com for the Zoom link.

TEMPLE ISRAEL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (revised March 10, 2022)

- Anyone AGE 5 OR OVER must be fully vaccinated.
- Anyone AGE 12 OR OVER must have a booster when eligible to be considered fully vaccinated.
- Mask wearing is OPTIONAL.
- Six feet of social distancing is recommended, except for households and "pods" of fully vaccinated persons.
- Services are simulcast on Zoom, there will be no screen sharing of the prayer book. However, members may borrow or purchase prayer books and links for free downloads on your own personal devices can be found in our weekly "TTW" (“Temple This Week”) email updates or by contacting the Temple office.
- Please be sure to check the health screening questionnaire posted at the building entrance. All attendees are required to review the questions and, if the answer to any question is “yes,” should leave the building. We rely on attendees to individually review the questions and to be honest in their answers.
- We are maximizing efforts to maintain good air quality and recommend everyone get vaccinated.

Siddur at home

With the transition back to in-person services, siddurim (prayer books) will no longer be "screen-shared" during the Zoom simulcast of services. Temple members may borrow copies of the siddurim that we use at Temple for your home use. Please contact the Temple office if you wish to do so. If you have any siddurim at home already that you previously borrowed, please let the office know that as well. The Temple Israel office can be reached at 218-724-8857 or office@jewishduluth.org.

If you wish to view online versions of the various siddurim on a separate device while “Zooming” into Shabbat services, here are the links that will enable you to do so:

- For Saturday morning services: HERE
- For Friday evening services (other than family shabbat services): HERE and then click on the cover of the first book listed on that page (i.e., the Shabbat only version)
- For the monthly “Family Service” (first Friday of each month): Click HERE

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For Saturday morning services: Click HERE
For Friday evening services (other than family shabbat services): Click HERE
The siddur for the monthly “Family Service” (first Friday of each month) is out of print but some used copies for sale might be available at these links:
  • Version with transliteration: HERE
  • Version without transliteration: HERE

A message from the World Union for Progressive Judaism

We are grateful for your generous and prompt response to the humanitarian, physical and financial needs of the Ukrainian people as the crisis continues.

We are closely monitoring the evolving situation, and are in close contact with our people on the ground, including Rabbi Alexander Dukhovny in Kiev, Rabbi Julia Gris from Odessa and Alexander Haydar, Executive Director of our Progressive communities.

First and foremost, we are working to ensure the safety of our people, assisting with food, warmth, shelter, security, medical attention, and mental health support while establishing a Jewish refugee centre in Poland to welcome families fleeing Ukraine.

We are working in coordination with important global organizations such as the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and the World Zionist Organization (WZO) to ensure successful streamlining and to avoid duplication. We are thankful for our partners in the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) for ensuring co-ordination and co-operation.

There are several challenges in getting the funding to where it needs to be. At the moment, many Ukrainian banks are out of cash and there is no way to withdraw money. International transfers are being frozen. Despite this, our leaders have asked that we ensure that the funds collected are available and ready to be transferred quickly, when required. They know that world Jewry is with them, not just in words but also in actions, and this means everything to them. We need to be prepared and ready for the day after.

We have undertaken the task and responsibility of overseeing the allocation and distribution of these essential funds. To this end, we are working with and coordinating our efforts with reputable and knowledgeable people on the ground. We will keep you informed and updated as events occur.

While we continue to work and pray for peace, we also understand the importance of preparing to sustain and support our communities.

Thank you for being our partners in this sacred task.

To Donate: https://wupj.org/give/ukraine/

Duluth Interfaith Dialogues

The Islamic Center of the Twin Ports (ICTP) invites Duluth congregations to participate in a series of interfaith dialogues (via Zoom) that will aim to find solutions to societal divisions. As Nik Hassan of the ICTP notes, “it pains me to see my children and grandchildren growing up with these problems, and certainly don’t want to be the one burdening them with such problems without at least some guidance.” Each month, 3-4 panelists who represent their faith communities will offer what their traditions say about societal problems we’re facing, and attendees will be invited ask questions and interact with the panelists.

Saturday, May 14th, 7-8:30pm Duluth Interfaith Dialogue Episode 6 – Role of religion in social justice
Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

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*Note: We are following the Israel Torah reading calendar where it diverges from the traditional Conservative/Orthodox diaspora Torah reading calendar. These dates diverge for several months in the spring and summer during years when 8th day of Passover or 2nd day of Shavuot (holidays not observed in Israel or in Reconstructionist or Reform Judaism) falls on Shabbat.

Mazel Tov

The Haas Family welcomed their newest family member Charlotte on April 12, 2022. Mazel Tov to parents, Mikkel & Jessica

Please send your submissions to the Mazel Tov or Todah Rabbah sections to admin@jewishduluth.org

Todah Rabbah

- Todah Rabbah to the volunteers that prepared the kitchen for Passover - Sharon Kaner, Judy Gordon, Theresa Neo, Bonney Austin, David Schafroth, Terese Tomanek
- Todah Rabbah to those that created the delicious 2nd Night Seder - Theresa Bobula, Theresa Neo, Chris King, Howard Kieffer, Tom Griggs, Gayle Held, Victoria Kaufmann, Cindy Seiler, Bernie Bernstein, Neil Glazman, Tina Alcala-Sales, David Butts, Marat Bapkayev and Laila Seidakhmetova

Birthday

- 4 Rob Shamblott
- 5 Anaya Burch
- 6 Steve Davis
- 10 Linda Glaser
- 11 David Schafroth
- 13 Diane Felde-Finke
- 14 Gabrielle Manthey
- 15 Richard Eisenberg
- 15 Elijah Streit
- 16 Benjamin Streit
- 16 Jacob Widdes
- 17 Carrie Greenberg
- 17 Bryan Poulin
- 18 Michele Wallerstein
- 24 Pamela Griggs
- 24 Patricia Poulin
- 25 Deborah Freedman
- 25 Karen Westorff
- 27 Gerald Wallace
- 30 Scott Krenzen
- 31 Michael and Courtney Bernstein

Anniversary

- 4 Lyndsey and Jake Krenzen Manning
- 4 Scott and Kelly Krenzen
- 18 Jay and Jan Aldridge
- 21 John and Toby Sillanpa
- 25 Richard and Bea Levey
- 28 Stephen and Kay Bloom
- 31 Michael and Courtney Bernstein
Donations
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** Beautification Fund
Christine King In Memory of Sally Hallock

** Cemetery Fund
Lloyd Orensten In Memory of Cynthia Orensten
Lyle & Lynn Bergal In Memory of Alex Bergel

** Endowment Fund
Linda Kupfer In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Carleen Mattson In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Cynthia Davis Gordon In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Melanie Newman In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Kim Chart In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Shalom Auxiliary Board In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Sharon Kaner Family In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Mike & Michelle Baddin In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Lisa & Erving London In Memory of Stuart Seiler
The Family of Audrey & Ernest Halpern In Memory of Stuart Seiler
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Harriette Kurtz In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Harold & Judith Kuller In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Cantor Neil & Saranee Newman In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Johnson, Killen & Seiler In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Security Jewelers In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Stuart Seiler Family In Honor of Jack Seiler

** General Fund
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David Peterson In Memory of Stuart Seiler
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Jake Shlofrock In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Jody Weinberg In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Steve Klein In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Mark & Carol Weitz In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Nancy Elliott

Jeanne Austrem In Memory of Julius Horwitz
Judy Arnopolin In Memory of Stuart Seiler
The Polacek Family In Memory of Ernest Kramer
Ellen Troeltzsch In Memory of Monnie Goldfine
Marta Roth
Sharon Kaner In Memory of Shirley Poticha
Sharon Kaner In Memory of Carol Goman

** Hebrew School
The Polacek Family In Honor of Joey Wallace

** Marko Retirement
Lloyd Orensten In Memory of Cynthia Orensten

** Memorial Fund
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Shirley Witkin In Memory of Stuart Seiler

** Prayer Book Fund
Paul King In Memory of Sally Hallock

** Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Federated Insurance In Memory of Stuart Seiler
Jeff Fetters In Memory of Stuart Seiler
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Robin Seiler In Honor of Rabbi David Steinberg
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Ken Goldfine In Memory of Monnie Goldfine

** Rabbi Professional Development
Sharon Marcovich In Memory of Ethel Kossoff

** Religious School
The Polacek Family In Honor of Joey Wallace

** Ruth & Bob Karon Youth Endowment
Mark Bass & Family In Memory of Stuart Seiler

** Youth Fund
David Bemoras In Memory of Stuart Seiler