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Happy
Hanukkah!

**Hanukkah starts
on December 7th!**

GIVE

*THIS IS THE ANNUAL DAY OF DOING
MITZVOT. ALL THREE AKRON
SYNAGOGUES COME TOGETHER TO GIVE
DURING HANUKKAH. THIS YEAR OUR
FOCUS IS ON ISRAEL.
PLEASE CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR
EMAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

NOT

3 DECEMBER
2023
9:30-NOON

GET

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In 1958 Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel addressed a group of American rabbis. Israel was just barely a decade into her existence. He focused on how American Jews can show support for the newly founded Jewish state from so far away.

In the address he outlines three ways to aid Israel. First, we can give money and political support. The second was to make aliyah, to immigrate to Israel. The third way to aid Israel was the true focus of his address. In his words, the third way is "to bring about an inner spiritual and cultural aliyah on the soil of America."

Since October 7th our eyes have been locked on Israel, with the occasional distraction of rising antisemitism here in America. The response to the October 7th massacre, the continued terror attacks by Hamas and the disturbing reports of antisemitism on American college campuses has been unprecedented. The Jewish community along with a team of allies has been working around the clock to offer support. This battle is far from over and these efforts must continue.

Heschel's insight from half a century ago remains important as well. We cannot only fight those who are against us, we must also gather together those among our people to help build a strong Jewish religious and cultural identity. If the last month has shown us anything it is that the Jewish people are deeply connected to each other. Israeli and American, Sephardic and Ashkenazic, Reform and Orthodox. We are connected to each other and we need each other. This is our greatest strength.

Heschel's charge to build a strong foundation in the diaspora was not self-serving. It was strategic. The stronger our foundation, the better we can hold up the parts of the Jewish world when they are attacked.

It is the time of year to turn our focus on Jewish camp. On November 17th we are excited to welcome two experienced camp song-leaders to help lead a special Shabbat service. We welcome all current and former Jewish camp alumni, from every Jewish camp to join us along with those who never had the chance to spend a summer in this special place.

This special Shabbat was planned long before October 7th. But I think Heschel would agree that there has been no place in America that has sparked such an "aliyah" to Jewish identity as has our Jewish camps. I hope he would say that this is precisely what we need in this moment.

The stronger we are together, the stronger we are when we face those who wish to break us apart.

Mitzvah Day 2024

The first committee meeting for Mitzvah Day 2024 will take place at Temple on December 6, 2023 starting at 7 PM. If you have an idea for a new project, would like to chair a project, or you would simply like to participate on the committee please join us for the meeting.

BACK TO THE FUTURE- New Emerging Leaders Program

I admit it has been difficult recently to fully concentrate on Temple Israel. Much of what we do can seem somewhat trivial now compared to the war in Israel and our continuing and increasing anguish about the situation. As President, I've felt my own concentration slip and start to lose focus at times. But, I came to the conclusion that one of the ways to help Israel and the Jewish community at large is to make sure our own Jewish community and synagogue are as strong as possible for future generations.

We can do this by engaging new leaders so that Temple Israel is here for generations to come. To that end, we are once again encouraging Temple Israel members to participate in our second Emerging Leaders class to begin in early 2024.

Like in 2022, this program will consist of four in-person monthly modules on Sunday mornings to give congregants the tools to become potential new leaders on multiple levels in our synagogue. We will discuss emerging trends and issues of Reform synagogue leadership as well as learn from some of the congregants who have had an impact on our synagogue through their work at Temple Israel. Whether your interest lies in potentially leading a committee, a singular project, or membership on the Board of Trustees, we invite you to participate in this program. The class is limited to 10 participants. There is no commitment or obligation once you finish the course.

In our October Board of Trustees meeting we discussed a sermon given by Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk, Senior Rabbi of Ashe Chesed Fairmount Temple in Cleveland. This past Erev Rosh Hashana, Rabbi Nosanchuk spoke about the need across the years to change and modify the way we think. In perhaps his signature line of the sermon he said: "But tonight I'm going to say something that is tough on your ears: what got us here won't get us there." What I believe Rabbi Nosanchuk was telling us is that the thinking and methodology that got us to this point and brought us growth and a new building and a thriving Religious School and great clergy may not be the thinking that takes us into the future. To not just sustain but grow our Jewish community at Temple Israel we need new leaders who can and will take us to the next level. We are counting on so many of you to become those leaders.

For more information or to express interest in this program, please email or contact me at 724-699-4159 or lharr58@gmail.com.



LINDA BARR
TEMPLE
PRESIDENT

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Welcome New Members!

We welcome new members into Temple Israel:

Hugh Binder

Aron & Abby Cymerman

Keri McDonnell

Jeanette Beebe & Yeshai Mishal

Daniel & Deborah Rubin

Lola Brown & Daniel Shai

Robert Trattner & Roni Liber

Don Leuchtag

Membership Committee Chair



Results of the 2023 High Holiday Food Drive:

323 pounds of food

\$1871 cash & checks

\$2331 online donations made

17077 meals provided!



LOOK TO THE LIGHT A Rockin' Ruach Hanukkah Celebration

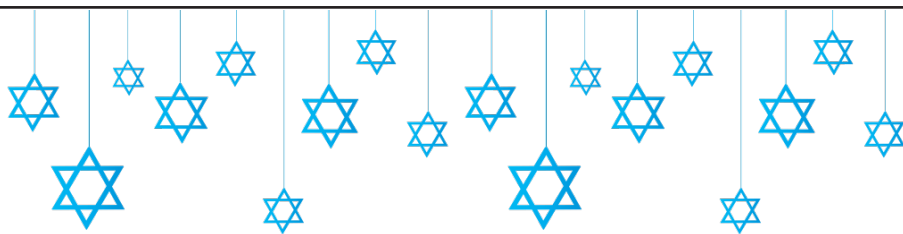
CANTOR KATHY FROMSON

Hanukkah, which means “dedication” in Hebrew, is an eight-day festival of light. It marks the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E., when a small group of Jews led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers were victorious against great odds over the Syrian armies that sought to destroy the temple and the practice of Judaism.

We associate Hanukkah with miracles, not only because of the military victory of the Maccabees, but because of a later Talmudic story describing a single day's supply of oil lasting for a full eight nights—a miracle that enabled the Jews to replenish their oil supply during the rededication of the Holy Temple.

At Temple Israel, we find ways to bring in light where there is darkness. During the shorter days of winter and in times of hardship, we look to the light - the light of family, the light of friendship, and the light of hope. This Hanukkah, let us celebrate the miracle of light, the blessings we have in our lives, and the glow that comes when we can be together as a community in ruach (spirit) and in song.

Ruach Shabbat



Friday, December 8, 6:15 pm*

Ruach Shabbat with Rabbi Brown, Cantor Kathy and the
Rockin' Ruach Band!

*New members will be recognized during the service.



Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
FOLLOWING RUACH SHABBAT SERVICE

- Chicken •Sisterhood's Famous Latkes
- Veggies •Salad
- Hanukkah Dessert Bar
- Kid Foods
- Hanukkah activities for the family

\$18 per person (children 12 and under eat free)

Checks should be payable to
Temple Israel Sisterhood

Or pay by credit card using the QR code or online at
www.templeisraelakron.org/event/sisterhood-hanukkah-dinner1.html

Reservation must be received by December 1, 2023



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP 2024!

Does your family have plans for this summer yet? Well, we have great news to share! Registration is now open for URJ OSRUI and they can't wait to give your kids the best summer ever!

Located in the beautiful town of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, URJ OSRUI is the ultimate reform Jewish camping experience crafted to create a summer of memories for each individual camper. Their program is designed to foster independence in our children, help them explore and define their Jewish identity, and try things they have never tried before!

Register now for Summer 2024 at OSRUI! To register, head to osrui.org/register, go to osrui.org/our-programs to learn more about camp, or reach out to osrui@urj.org to ask them directly!

If you'd rather speak with a member from our synagogue about camp, please reach out to Lauren Trexler to talk about the OSRUI summer experience!

**OSRUI IS COMING TO
TEMPLE ISRAEL!**

LEARN ABOUT CAMP! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



WEAR YOUR OSRUI SWAG!

DATE: NOVEMBER 17
TIME: 6:15 PM



Grants available for all campers from the Rabbi David Horowitz Campership Fund.

New campers from Temple Israel going to URJ camps this summer are eligible to receive over \$1000 in grant money!

The URJ operates 14 camps across North America including the specialty 6 Points Academies dedicated to Sports, Sci-Tech and the Creative Arts.

TEMPLE ISRAEL MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN PRIDE MARCH 2023

On August 26 Temple members of all ages joined approximately 3,500 others in the 2023 Akron Equity March, as part of the weekend's Akron Pride Festival in downtown Akron. Celebrating diversity, those walking and staffing the Temple booth participated to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community, and for equality, equity, and acceptance of all people.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICTURE REVIEW!



(Lower right) First winners of our Golden Kippah award. Given to those who show excellent citizenship on Sunday mornings. Our first recipients were from left: Moshe Berke, Arthur Menefee, Simon Collins. Each winner gets their own kippah and a giant, golden Twix Bar.

THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 5784 HAS BEEN AMAZING!



SHOFAR LESSONS WITH DAVID KALISH



ROSH HASHANAH APPLE PICKING



(Left) Anderson Ersahin showing off his winning "most unique" apple picked. Families gathered on the second day of Rosh Hashanah at Richardson Farms to enjoy fall treats. Families picked lots of apples to make applesauce and pies galore!





At the beginning of Sukkot, we were able to enjoy exotic animals Outback Ray brought to show off. Our religious school students and teachers enjoyed the Sukkah with their families all week long.





FUN IN THE SUKKAH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Our annual pet blessing always draws a crowd of good boys and girls (in both the human and canine variety).

CONSECRATION 5784 & SIMCHAT TORAH HOEDOWN!



Our Sukkot celebrations ended on Friday, October 6th with consecration and a Simchat Torah Hoedown. Consecration students posed for their class picture after “getting the sillies out” (left). Religious School teachers blessed the Shabbat candles and our students’ families kickstarted the night’s country themed hakafot. After the service Heidi Cohen showed us some country line dancing in the social hall.





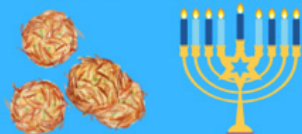
SMALL GROUPS

Canoe Trip
September 2023



TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

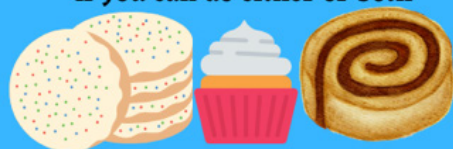
**SISTERHOOD needs your help to fry
the LATKES for the
Hanukkah Dinner
November 19th 9 am-12pm**



**Bake your favorite holiday dessert*
for the Hanukkah Dinner on
Dec. 8th following Ruach Shabbat**

**Drop off your tasty treat between
December 6th and 8th
in the Temple kitchen!**

***(Please no refrigerated desserts)
Email csandybeach1@att.net
if you can do either or both**



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Cards will be mailed directly to you in March/April
2024



Sisterhood event with author Alison Hammer

RECIPES FROM SISTERHOOD'S 1977 COOKBOOK

POTATO KUGEL (In muffin tins)

6 large potatoes

1 large onion

2 whole eggs

½ tsp. baking powder

5 tbsps. flour

2 tsps. salt

Coarse black pepper

Grate potatoes and onion. Place plate on top of bowl, pour out liquid. Add rest of ingredients and mix thoroughly. Fill three well greased (with chicken fat) muffin pans less than ¾ full. Dot with chicken fat. Bake at 425° for fifteen minutes, then reduce heat to 350°, and bake for one hour.

— Mrs. Leon Sacks.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood has been active in programming, ushering, and other activities.

First, we want to thank the ushers for helping our congregants during Friday night services, High Holidays, etc. On October 21st Bob Lazarow, head usher, hosted about 20 ushers at Beau's Grille to thank all for their efforts. We also discussed current activities within Temple, the Akron Jewish community, and of course recent events in Israel.

A few upcoming activities:

Thursday, November 30th, the men's discussion group will meet at noon at Temple to discuss the Middle East situation. Our guest will be Rami Feinstein, community Shelich for the event. Please RSVP to Temple Israel so we can plan accordingly.

Sunday, December 3rd, we plan on going to the Maltz Museum in Beachwood, Ohio to see a new exhibit, The Girl in the Diary. Our own Harvey Krieger will be our tour guide for the exhibit. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m. at the museum. RSVP so we know how many folks will be attending. This event is open to Brotherhood, Sisterhood, general Temple members, and our families. For further information check the Maltz Museum website.

We are also thinking about a family event where we would attend a University of Akron men's home basketball game. Let us know if you are interested.

The following people are members in good standing. Mark Axinn, Marty Belsky, Bill Bloch, Michael Brotsky, Gary Byron, Sy Cymerman, Cem Ersahin, Howard Friedman, Joe Gardner, Irwin Greenblatt, Rabbi David Horowitz, Josh Isenberg, Andy Jaffe, Albert Kay, Art Krakauer, Harvey Krieger, Bob Lazarow, Ron Lederman, Jim Levin, Greg McMains, Michael Neumann, Skip Radwany, Larry Roth, Barry Rubenstein, Michael Sacks, Fred Schaffer, Norman Scherr, Mike Segal, Dave Silverman, Stan Silverman, Jeff Sloan, Jeff Spector, Ron Winer, Bruce Zake, and Terry Zimmerman.

For others please pay your dues via the Temple Israel website or mail a check for \$36 or \$54 (sustaining membership) to our treasurer, Jeff Sloan at 1867 Larchmont Rd. Akron, OH 44313.

Your Brotherhood officers are Larry Roth, VP, Jeff Sloan, treasurer, and myself. If we can be of help to you or answer any questions, let us know.

Mike Segal

Brotherhood President

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SEVEN MINUTE PUMPKIN PIE

1 baked 9" pie shell	1 tbsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 pkg. custard dessert mix, or vanilla pudding mix	1-2/3 cup (14 oz. can) evaporated milk
2 tbsp. flour	1½ cups canned pumpkin
¼ tsp. salt	¾ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup (packed) brown sugar	

In saucepan mix custard dessert, flour, salt, sugar and spice. Add milk and pumpkin. Cook, stirring, to a full boil. Remove from heat; cool about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the walnuts. Pour into pie shell. At serving time spoon on fluffs of whipped cream and arrange walnut halves on top. — Mrs. Donald Rosen.



ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS OF
TEMPLE ISRAEL
ARE INVITED TO
EAT PIZZA TO RAISE DOUGH!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

MENTION 'TEMPLE' WHEN YOU DINE IN OR PLACE A CARRYOUT ORDER
AND UP TO 20% OF ALL FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE DONATED BACK TO
TEMPLE ISRAEL



11 AM - 9 PM

(330) 873-4444

Join Temple member and religious school teacher Becky Rubenstein for an Adult Hebrew class! It will be held on select Wednesdays starting in January. There will be nine sessions from 6-7:30pm. No babysitting available. Class is \$65 per person. Questions? Contact Becky at rubenstein89@gmail.com or call the Temple office, 330-665-2000.

Class dates are:

Jan. 17, 31

Feb. 14, 21

March 6, 13

April 17

May 1, 15



Wee Sing!



THIS IS A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THOSE 0 TO 5 AND THEIR ADULTS. THEY'LL SPEND TIME WITH CANTOR KATHY AND OTHERS TO SING, HEAR STORIES, AND SOCIALIZE. EACH WEE SING WILL HAVE A SPECIAL THEME! MONTHLY AT 10:00AM AT TEMPLE.



DEC. 10	HANUKKAH
JAN. 21	TU B'SHEVAT
MAR. 17	PURIM
APR. 21	PASSOVER

10:00 AM

COMMUNITY BOARD

Michael and Diana (Greenberg) Zubal were married on Sunday, September 10, 2023 in a backyard ceremony under Temple's brass chuppah. The bride's mother, Laurel Greenberg, helped to complete the needlework on the canopy of the chuppah. This added special meaning to an already special day!



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Thank you for all the beautiful cards and wishes. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness for our 60th anniversary!

-Stephanie & David Bernstein

On behalf of the Cutler family, thank you for your support to honor the memory of our father, Stanley Greenwald.

-David & Robyn Cutler

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Temple Israel Sisterhood
Stronger Together

Gift Shop Open On Select Sundays
November 19, December 3 & 10
See the weekly email for details



Hanukkah Holiday Show!

Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop is having a Hanukkah Holiday Show featuring Temple Israel artists and their creations with refreshments on Sunday, November 19 from 9:15 am-12:15 pm.

The Gift Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 12:30-4:30pm, 30 minutes before and after Shabbat services most Fridays. Shopping can also be done by appointment. Please email Renee Pinsky, pinskyr@gmail.com or Marsha Krieger, harv6@roadrunner.com or call the Temple office, 330-665-2000, to make arrangements.

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