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# WINDOW

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## Chag Sameach!

**Purim is March 24th**

**Passover starts on  
April 22nd**



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# NACHSHON'S PLATE



**RABBI  
JOSHUA M.  
BROWN**

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## OUR LEADERSHIP

### STAFF

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In the midrash we are told that a man by the name of Nachshon was the first to step into the Sea of Reeds before it split, opening the Israelites' path to freedom. After the Israelites found their freedom the midrash explains that Nachshon brought a gift for the new sanctuary. The gift was a silver plate. Nachshon explained that he wanted to give a circular gift to the sanctuary, symbolizing the circular world. But he brought a particular message. He hoped that the silver plate would remind the people how unruly and chaotic the sea can be, but also how we have the ability, with God's help, to move through the harshest of waters.

This story is just one of many origin stories of the seder plate we place on our tables every Spring. Passover is one of our most versatile holidays. The flexibility of the rituals calls out to us, not only asking us why this night is different from all other nights, but why this year is different from the previous year. Often we adjust what is on the Seder plate in order to reflect the concern of the year. This is why many have placed an orange on their seder plate for years, symbolizing women's rights and LGBTQ rights as society began to fight for them.

This year, underneath all of the symbology, new and old, perhaps we will notice the plate that has always been there. The plate that holds our story. The plate that Nachshon first gave to his people to remind them that the world is a dangerous place, but we, we have always found a way to walk through rough waters toward freedom.

For the first time since the pandemic, we will be hosting our communal second-night Seder at Temple Israel. It is a night filled with symbols and stories, but most importantly, as Passover has always been, it is a night to recall the challenging path of our people. Undoubtedly, this year, our hearts will be with the hostages, should they still be held in captivity. But as we open the door to Elijah and declare "Next Year in Jerusalem", we will once again proclaim, as Nachshon did, that we can weather the strongest storm, so long as we do so together.

## 🕯 Temple Israel's 2nd Night Seder 🕯



**April 23, 2024, 6 pm**

**Register by Thursday, April 18**

**Open to TIA members & guests**

**Adults - \$36**

**Children (12 & under) - \$18**

**Register Online: <https://www.templeisraelakron.org/event/2nd-seder2.html>**

**Or send payments to 91 Springside DR, Akron OH 44333**

# THE "SECRET" OF TRIBUTE FUNDS

Tribute Funds are vitally important to Temple Israel. They enhance our budget and provide for necessary items that the budget cannot accommodate. Tribute Funds also provide a way to honor, remember, or publicly acknowledge an important event in the lives of those we love.

That's the easy part and generally what most of our congregation knows about the role of Tribute Funds. But did you know that Tribute Funds provide significant support to our budget since dues only pay for 60% of our salaries and building expenses?

- We enjoy delicious Shabbat onegs and dinners, not to mention communal gatherings and hospitable gatherings, because of the **Shabbat Shelly Fund**.
- The musicians and choir at the High Holy Days are provided by the **Garfinkle Cultural Fund** and the **Mirman Family Music Fund**.
- The ability to provide quality broadcasts of our services Shabbat after Shabbat is due to the **Martin and Joyce Levin Audio-Visual Fund**.
- The work of the Social Action Committee including Mitzvah Day and the Interfaith Justice Series is supported by the **Ben Maidenburg Memorial Fund**.
- If you have enjoyed the annual Rosh Hashana luncheon you should know that it was made possible by the **Bebe Schachter/Sisterhood Fund**.
- If your child received a scholarship for summer camp know that it was funded by the **Rabbi David Horowitz Campership Fund**.
- Our yearly Sukkot decorations in the Mishkan were purchased with donations from the **Edith Wiskind Ceremonial Fund**.

I could go on and on about the many ways our Tribute Funds enhance Temple Israel worship, the synagogue and communal gatherings. To see a complete list of all of our Tribute Funds go to the Temple Israel website which also includes an online or printable donation form. What is most important to know, though, is that these funds and so many more are the life blood of our Temple and provide us with many valuable and necessary additions and experiences. Please consider donating to them to replenish their ongoing expenditures.



LINDA BARR  
TEMPLE  
PRESIDENT

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## Welcome New Members!

We welcome new members into Temple Israel:

*Rebecca Gold Anderson*

*Gwyneth Hughes &  
Railene Thorson*

*Hunter Metzel & Ozzie Braun*

*Suzanne Roberts*

Don Leuchtag

Membership Committee Chair



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TEMPLE LIBRARY ON THE FOLLOWING  
SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 AM TO NOON**

**FEBRUARY 25TH**

**MARCH 3RD**

**MARCH 17TH**

**APRIL 21ST**



## JOIN US!

**CANTOR KATHY FROMSON**

### **Small Groups Shabbat - February 23rd**

Temple Israel is blessed to have so many small groups that gather to share their special interests or talents. We welcome them this Shabbat, along with the glorious voice of Noah Fromson, as we hear all of the wonderful things these groups have done over the past year.

### **Interfaith Youth Shabbat - March 1st**

A highlight of the year, this Shabbat welcomes the many interfaith youth groups so that they can learn a little bit about what we do here at Temple Israel. Join us for an educational experience that is sure to teach you something new about our heritage. And leave with a tasty donut!

### **Purim Ruach Shabbat - March 22nd**

Dress up and let's have fun as we celebrate the Purim holiday with the clergy and our Ruach musicians, Rob Ross and Jeremy Sosin. Stay after service for Sisterhood's special Purim dinner.

### **Confirmation - April 12th**

We are so proud to honor the students who have completed their post B'nai Mitzvah education. Join us as a community of support as we honor their achievements.

### **Passover Ruach Shabbat - April 19th**

A pre-passover musical service to enjoy as we welcome spring and the Passover holiday. We welcome to the bimah our Ruach musicians, Rob Ross and Jeremy Sosin to lead us in song.

### **Rockin' Ruach Shabbat - May 3rd**

Get ready for a rockin' good time with Artist-in-Residence, singer/songwriter/performer Billy Jonas. He will raise your spirit and bring you joy with his creative music that is fun, educational and inspiring!

### **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat - May 17th**

We are so happy to honor our teachers who make such a difference in the lives of our youth. Come celebrate them and say thank you for their dedication to Temple and to the school.

### **Social Action Shabbat - May 31st**

At this service we recognize all of the hard work this committee does to do tikkun olam, to repair the world. This group underscores the mission of Temple Israel: to connect to each other, to the sacred, and to the world.



**Calling all Gen-X & Millennial TIA Members!**

**Thursday, February 29 from 6-8 pm**

**@ Bricco West**

**(3150 West Market Street, inside the Holiday Inn Express)**

**Come alone or bring a friend, make new friends, and meet new people!**

**This event is for Temple Israel members and their guests. Please RSVP.**



## Small Groups

Our Small Groups initiative has been formed to allow members who share common interests in our community to gather and connect. These groups encourage involvement and strengthen social bonds in our congregation.

Check the Temple communications (Temple Essentials, The Window, weekly e-blasts) for dates and times of meetings. If you have any questions or an idea for a new small group please contact the Small Groups Coordinator, Lauren Trexler at [lauren.trexler@templeisraelakron.org](mailto:lauren.trexler@templeisraelakron.org).

- Afternoon Book Discussion Group
- Books After Dark
- Beit Midrash (Hebrew for *A House of Study*)
- Men's Group
- News for Jews
- The Photography Club
- Physical Health and Socialization Small Group

by Lauren Trexler



### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, March 11, 2024  
12:30 p.m.

Temple Israel Board Room

We will review the book

### THE LITTLE LIAR

by Mitch Albom

Evil, lies, forgiveness, truth and deception.  
How do all of these mark us and our own lives?

Limited print and e-copies are available from  
the Akron Public Library

Questions:

Call Lois: 330-836-2119 or [loalr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loalr@sbcglobal.net)  
Call Elaine: 330-807-5323 or [buckeye4c@gmail.com](mailto:buckeye4c@gmail.com)



## Interfaith Youth Service

Stay for donuts after the service!

**Friday, March 1st, 2024, 6:15pm**

Email [lauren.trexler@templeisraelakron.org](mailto:lauren.trexler@templeisraelakron.org) for more information.



## Confirmation & Shabbat Service

Friday, April 12  
6:15 pm

save the date



## PURIM carnival

March 24th from 9:30am to 11:30am

at the Shaw JCC, 750 White Pond Drive

hosted by Beth El, Temple Israel & the JCC



# 2024 Interfaith Justice Alliance Series

## *Uniting for Public Safety*

### **Wednesday, February 21 - Faith Lutheran Church**

#### *The Law: Legal and Social Environment*

Speakers: Martin H. Belsky, former University of Akron Law Dean  
Bernard Smith, former Assistant United States Attorney

### **Wednesday, February 28 - Temple Israel**

#### *Local Public Safety Initiatives*

Speakers: Representative from Citizens Police Oversight Board  
Representative from Office of Mayor Shammas Malik (TBA)

### **Wednesday, March 6 - New Hope Baptist Church**

#### *Safer Communities Through Mentoring*

Speakers: Dads on Duty - Russel Neal; Inner City Soccer Club - Dele Olabisi

### **Wednesday, March 13 - St. Hilary Church**

#### *Public Safety: How Schools Strive to Be Safe*

Speakers: LaCresia Beecher - principal at Buchtel Community Learning Center  
LaShawna Grimes - teacher at Buchtel Community Learning Center  
LaMonica Davis - principal at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center  
Denise Williams - teacher at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center  
Jennifer Woodman - principal at St. Hilary School

### **Wednesday, March 20 - Prince of Peace Baptist Church**

#### *The Voices of Youth: A Cry for Safety*

Speakers: a panel of young people

#### ***Evening Schedule:***

5:45-6 p.m. - Registration  
6-6:45 p.m. - Shared Meal  
7-7:30 p.m. - Worship  
7:30-8 p.m. - Presentation  
8-8:45 p.m. - Table discussions

\*\*Each session will be livestreamed.

For all details and to register,  
visit [sthilarychurch.org/2024Interfaith](https://sthilarychurch.org/2024Interfaith)  
or call your congregation's office.





## Sisterhood Purim Dinner!

### March 22, 2024

Sisterhood is hosting a **Free** Purim Dinner after our Purim Ruach Shabbat service. The menu is soup, salad, a baked potato bar, and Sisterhood's famous Hamantashen!

RSVP Required. A link will be emailed closer to the date.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SISTERHOOD MEMBERS!**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SISTERHOOD SHABBAT - FRIDAY, JULY 19!**

Cathy Baer	Ruthie George	Patti Margolis	Ricki Schwartz
Audrey Baker	Caron Goldenberg	Lindsay Marrone	Jody Schweiger
Nancy Balest	Sophie Goldenberg	Susan McMains	Teri Segal
Rhea Bateman	Toby Horowitz	Candy Mirman	Nancy Shapiro
Linda Barr	Livia Kades	Sandy Moses	Janice Sheftel
Harriet Berloff	Karyn Katz	Karen Nackes	Mallory Shwab
Anita Bloch	Shellye Kaye	Elaine Neumann	Janet Silverman
Carrie Brown	Susan Kattan	Melissa Pidhorodeckyj	Zippy Silverman
Becky Buescher	Francine Korman	Renee Pinsky	Marlen Spector
Joyce Butlien	Jennifer Kornblum	Julie Radwany	Amy Stewart
Iris Caston	Shelley Krakauer	Lois Reaven	Linda Sugarman
Sarah Cimino	Bunny Lazarow Lacey	Faye Regal	Mimi Surloff
Elaine Cohen	Judy Lasher	Barbara Renstrom	Lauren Vogel
Heidi Cohen	Sandra Lederman	Deborah Rosen	Kathleen Waits
Ruth Embly	Bette Leff	Harriet Ruben	Susan Walton
Stephanie Everett	Emily Levin	Bobby Sacks	Lynne Weinberger
Marsha Friedman	Joyce Levin	Debbie Saferstein	Kay Winer
Carol Friedman	Camille Liberman	Nancy Scherr	Barbara Yedidsion
Cantor Kathy Fromson	Toby Liberman	Eileen Schonfeld	Julie Zimmerman

## TEMPLE SECURITY

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With a rise in antisemitism, many of us feel a heightened awareness and vulnerability even in NE Ohio. As Chair of Temple's Security Committee, I am reaching out to fellow congregants to at the very least inform you of our existence and purpose and hopefully provide some reassurance. Our committee members represent a diversity of experiences at Temple. They are:

*Linda Barr, Audrey Baker, Mike Butlein, Carol Friedman, Cem Ersahin, Don Leuchtag, Amy Stewart, Kevin Newman, Nat Weiner and Steven "Skip" Radwany – Chair*

Increasing concerns in recent months force us to carefully reassess our current vulnerability and needs to assure the safety of our clergy, employees, congregants and guests. A brief outline of our recent efforts follows.

Throughout the month of October our committee met to complete the Ohio Nonprofit Security Grant application. This did not meet with success perhaps due to having previously received funding twice. Our committee hopes to apply for the federal nonprofit security grant if and when the funding for FEMA and Homeland Security are approved in the budget by Congress. Updates will follow.

Throughout the last several months we have been assessing the environment via local and national sources of information to adjust the need for a security presence. For larger attended events we are currently engaging two police officers plus a visible law enforcement car when available. Prior State grants have supplemented the Security Fee each member family pays to account for this increased presence. The cost for this valuable law enforcement presence, though, has recently increased so we are thankful to our member families for diligently paying their yearly security assessment.

Through these volunteer efforts much has been done and will continue to be done to assure your safety and peace of mind. The fundamental goal of these security efforts is that we all continue to gather, to worship, to learn and to celebrate with joy and without undue worry. Feel free or reach out to me with any questions.

***Steven "Skip" Radwany***

## TEMPLE ISRAEL EMERGING LEADERS

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### ***Calling All Leaders!***

Join us this spring for the 2nd class of Temple Israel Emerging Leaders! Learn more about our synagogue structure, committees, programs, and how you can make a positive impact on the future of TIA!

The Emerging Leaders program will begin at the end of March. Three class sessions and one dinner-dates and times to be determined based on group availability. Limited space is available and there is no cost to join. If you are interested in being a part of this program or have questions, please contact Audrey Baker ([audreyvbaker@gmail.com](mailto:audreyvbaker@gmail.com)) or Sarah Cimino ([sarahgcimino@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgcimino@gmail.com)) by **2/22/24**. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the program no later than 2/29/24.

\*Joining this class does not obligate anyone to become a leader or join a committee.



# ANNE ZOSS TEMPLE ISRAEL CARING COMMUNITY

## *"Ready When Needed"*

Caring Community has reached out to over 50 families since March 2023.

We rely on YOU to keep us informed. We need YOU to let us know if you or a Temple congregant is "in need". We can send a card, call to say hello or check in periodically, deliver soup or challah, organize a meal train, or acknowledge a birth. Our efforts to date have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our "mitzvah team" for their help and support: Zippy Silverman, Eileen Schonfeld, Carrie Brown, Elaine Neumann, Linda Barr, Sandi Lederman, Carol Blum, Rabbi Brown and Cantor Kathy.

Congratulations to Carol Blum, recipient of the Sisterhood Deborah Honor in recognition of her selfless devotion to Caring Community for over 30 years!

Together, we have reached out and helped many of our friends. Please let us know if you would like to join the team and help members of our Temple Israel family. You can leave a message at Temple or reach us at the emails listed below.



Caring Community Shabbat - 1/12/24

Audrey Baker - [audreyvbaker@gmail.com](mailto:audreyvbaker@gmail.com)

Teri Segal - [segal.teri@gmail.com](mailto:segal.teri@gmail.com)



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*at Temple Israel*



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religious school.

To learn more contact our Director of Engagement, Kim Williams at 330-665-2000



SAVE THE DATE FOR

# LAUGH-A-LU-JAH!

A Night of Comedy to Benefit Temple Israel

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

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# COMMUNITY BOARD

## Mazel Tov!

Elijah Baker  
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Bar Mitzvah on  
March 30, 2024



### *Parents*

Lisa & T.J. Baker

### *Siblings*

Logan, Miley & Jace Baker

### *Grandparents*

Sue & Chip Pollock  
Paula & Kenny Baker

## Mazel Tov!

Natalie Frantz  
will become a  
Bat Mitzvah on  
April 13, 2024



### *Parents*

Emily & Ron Frantz

### *Siblings*

Michael & Nathan Frantz

### *Grandparents*

Ellen & Jerry (obm) Hendin  
Lowell & Marilyn Frantz

We would like to thank all of you who shared our 60th anniversary at Temple on December 22, whether in person or virtually. Thanks as well to those who made donations in our honor and/or gave us cards and mementos for our special day.

It was an honor to share this occasion with you,

-Rabbi David & Toby Horowitz

**JUNE  
1-2  
2024**

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ORGANIZATIONS IN A DAY OF  
CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY**



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Gift Shop Open On Select Sundays  
**April 14, 21 & 28 from 9:15-noon**  
See the weekly email for details



# Happy Passover!

We have what you need for your beautiful Seder table: Haggadot, Passover cookbooks and guides, Seder and matzah plates and items to keep everyone engaged.

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](mailto:pinskyr@gmail.com) or Marsha Krieger, [harv6@roadrunner.com](mailto:harv6@roadrunner.com) or call the Temple office, 330-665-2000, to make arrangements.

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