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Sh'vat/Adar 5781







# RECIPE

## BUH-BYE TO DRY HAMANTASCHEN

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup butter (or margarine)
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp milk (or almond milk)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

### DIRECTIONS

Beat the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg, milk, vanilla and lemon zest until mixed thoroughly.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry mixture to wet mixture until incorporated.

Note: if the dough is too soft, increase flour amount by 1/2 cupfuls until firm.

Chill dough for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

Dust surface with powdered sugar to keep from sticking. Roll the dough to about 1/4-inch thick.

Using a round cookie cutter, cut out and place onto cookie sheet. To keep the dough from sticking to your cutter, dip in powdered sugar before each cut!

Fill each round with your favourite filling, and using your favourite method, pinch corners together tightly.

Bake at 400° for about 7-9 minutes.

# JUST FOR LAUGHS

Have you heard about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu — you get what you deserve.

Exaggerations have become an epidemic. They went up by a million percent last year.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. She told me to stop going to those places.

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs. They always take things so literally.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other, "I need you to help me get to the other side!" The other guy replies, "You're on the other side!"

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.

"I stand corrected!" Said the woman in the orthopedic shoes.



A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. A little while later a blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man. The blind man ran his fingers over the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this crap?"

What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver? A golfer goes \*whack\* "darn" and a skydiver goes "darn" \*whack\*.

They all laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now!

Two cows are grazing in a field. One cow says to the other, "You ever worry about that mad cow disease?" The other cow says, "Why would I care? I'm a helicopter!"

# GREAT VIDEOS

Shalom Sesame – Story of Purim

Lego – Story of Purim

Purim Medley in Hebrew

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How to make a Mask





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# Shabbat Services and more...

## Stay connected with your Temple Family

### - FRIDAY EVENING -

Shabbat Service at **6:30pm** via livestream

### - SHABBAT -

**TORAH STUDY** at **9:00am** via Zoom

**MORNING** Service at **10:30am** via livestream

### - MORNING MINYAN SERVICE via Zoom -

Sundays at **9:00am**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at **7:15am**

**harzion.ca/zoom**

for Zoom links and Siddurim

## Weekly Torah Portions

### February 5 - 6

*Yitro*  
*Haftarah*

Exodus 18:1-20:23  
Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

### February 12 - 13

*Mishpatim*  
*Haftarah*

Exodus 21:1-24:18  
II Kings 12:5-18;  
Isaiah 66:1, 23

### February 19 - 20

*T'rumah*  
*Haftarah*

Exodus 25:1-27:19  
I Kings 5:26-6:13

### February 26 - 27

*T'tzaveh*  
*Haftarah*

Exodus 27:20-30:10  
Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17  
or I Samuel 15:2-34

THE  
Torah  
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Commentary



# Mazal Tov on your Bar Mitzvah



**JOSHUA PAPERICK**  
Son of Deborah and Arie Papernick  
Bar Mitzvah February 20, 2021

## Tzedakah:

*Whatever your Why,  
Thank you!*

At Temple Har Zion,  
we have many opportunities  
to show appreciation for a  
kindness, to honour the memory  
of someone dear or to  
acknowledge a family simcha.

Please consider recognizing a  
significant occasion by plaquing  
any of our prayer books.

There are many other donation  
opportunities available.

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more information or to donate](#)

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# A blessing for the COVID-19 vaccine

by Cory Weiss  
Rabbi

“  
*We can rejoice  
that our people  
has had a part  
in helping to end  
this horrible  
virus' hold on  
the world.*”

I am sure you've heard of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first polio vaccine. And Dr. Albert Sabin, who created the oral version of the same vaccine, that has saved billions of lives since the middle of the 20th century. Maybe you haven't heard of Zvi Markus, who invented the Pneumovax vaccine against pneumonia, as well as Gardasil, which protects against HPV, a leading cause of cervical cancer.

Going back to the early 20th century, a Russian Jewish doctor named Waldemar Haffkine invented vaccines against cholera and the plague. Dr. Baruch Blumberg gave us the Hepatitis B vaccine. These are just some among many of the contributions Jewish doctors and scientists have made to

medicine over the centuries.

The new COVID vaccines, too, have Jewish connections. Many executives and researchers at Pfizer and Moderna are Jewish, so we can rejoice that our people has had a part in helping to end this horrible virus' hold on the world.

Since we Jews are commanded to recite 100 blessings a day, it should be no surprise that Jews have created blessings for receiving the COVID vaccine. God willing, we will all be getting the vaccine in the coming months. So, I share with you a couple of options you can bring with you when you get the immunization. The first is by Hannah Katzman:

May it be your will  
Adonai our God and God of our  
ancestors,  
that the vaccination that we are  
about to receive  
will bring health, blessing and  
redemption,  
and protect us from suffering  
and terrible diseases.

*Y'hi ratzon milfanecha,  
Adonai Eloheinu velohei  
avoteinu v'imoteinu,  
she'hakhsun she'anu omdim  
l'kabel yavi r'fu'ah, b'rachah  
v'hatzalah, v'yagen aleinu  
miyisurim umimakhalot  
kashot.*

יהי רצון מלפניך  
ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו ואמותינו  
שהחסון שאנו עומדים לקבל  
יביא רפואה, ברכה והצלחה  
ויגן עלינו מיסורים וממחלות  
קשות

The second is by Rabbi Naomi Levy:

I have been praying for this day and now it  
is here!  
With great excitement, a touch of trepidation  
And with deep gratitude  
I give thanks  
To all the scientists who toiled day and night  
So that I might receive this tiny vaccination  
That will protect me and all souls around this  
world.  
With the pandemic still raging  
I am blessed to do my part to defeat it.  
Let this be the beginning of a new day,  
A new time of hope, of joy, of freedom  
And most of all, of health.  
I thank You, God, for blessing me with life  
For sustaining my life

And for enabling me to reach this awe-filled  
moment.  
Amen

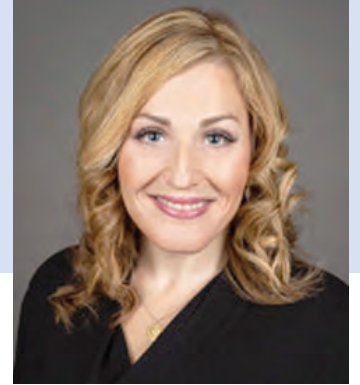
Either prayer will bring Jewish meaning to  
the event, in the spirit of all those Jews who  
saved so many lives through their work in  
immunology and so many other scientific  
fields. You may also wish to recite She-  
hecheyanu, but only for the first dose!

May God bring us vaccines and *r'fuah shleimah*,  
complete healing, soon and in our days!

*L'Shalom,*  
Rabbi Cory Weiss

# Bringing comfort in a time of chaos

by Rachael Littman  
Cantor



Over the past few months, I have wanted to send a message to thank everyone for the incredibly warm welcome I have received. I quickly realized that if I were to mention each individual by name and why I was grateful to them, it would take up more than my allotted space in this newsletter! Instead, I felt in recognizing the challenging times we are living through, it may be more useful if I were to share a bit of personal insight, experience, and provide a few spiritual tools and references that may empower and offer hope.

However, I would be remiss if I were not to first mention how much these past several months have meant to me. I have not only been welcomed into a community that quickly began to feel like a home, but I have also been blessed to meet some of the kindest and most generous individuals since moving to Toronto three years ago.

Despite not having met most of you in person as of yet, your presence has emanated through your screens into mine! I am extremely grateful that even my family residing in the States, albeit they're desperately missing me, have recognized that I am exactly where I am meant to be...here with you.

It is genuinely hard to believe that it has been seven months since becoming your cantor. Most of us could not have anticipated all those months ago that our lives, let alone our world, would continue to be wrought by COVID-19 and the byproduct of its consequences. Conceivably, it's due to my having worked as a pastoral counselor that I consider it better to speak of what others may prefer to pretend away or keep in the dark. I am quite convinced there is importance in speaking/shedding light onto issues that, despite eliciting difficult emotions, is preferred over maintaining the "status quo." Due to my unwillingness to remain in the dark or

blind to others' suffering, I have found it vital to identify on a daily basis the many beautiful things I am surrounded by, to acknowledge all there is to be grateful for. This spiritual practice refocuses my attention, allows me to recognize what I can do to make a difference, versus becoming overwhelmed, or finding all the pain and suffering paralyzing. I want everyone in our community to know that they are not alone, that you deserve to be seen and accepted for who and what you are and not simply what others may wish you to be.

Clearly, some of us have been more affected than others over the past year. After all, every individual and/or family entered this period of time in various situations and with long-held perceptions. Each of us began with different thresholds to coping with stress. Our histories may or may not have been impacted by prior trauma/s, which is now understood to potentially exacerbate symptoms and the potential for re-traumatization when faced with stressful situations.

Some of us may have come in with strong support systems in place, while others may have been uncomfortable even asking for support. I can safely say that even if you have an introverted nature with the tendency to prefer a solitary existence, COVID has impacted your life. No one other than you can judge the significance of this impact, and it is rarely helpful to measure your loss against others, unless you're doing so to engage empathy.

One of the losses I have had particular difficulty accepting has been the necessary changes to Jewish funerals and shiva practices. It is without question that these changes and the precautions in place have been absolutely necessary. In Judaism, we place the concept of *Pikuach Nefesh* (preserving life) above all. I am proud to work

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“  
*I pray that you  
and your loved  
ones stay safe  
and remain  
healthy, find  
ways to grow  
spiritually, and  
find comfort in  
our services.*  
”



FROM PAGE 7

with a rabbi, president, and board that have made certain that we are taking the highest precautions at THZ, even beyond what the government mandated for religious institutions.

In the same breath, I can also share that my heart has gone out to each family that has experienced a loss, and to the many more I may not have been aware of. I have witnessed the disparity of what is currently available versus the ways we had been able to honour the life of loved ones, and how we offered comfort to the grieving when living in “normal” times.

I felt this discrepancy even before I experienced a personal loss, then it became more personal for me. My cousin Michael Slade passed away in late December after a battle with cancer. A few days after he passed, I was reading commentary on the coming Shabbat’s Torah portion. It happened to be the story of Jacob’s passing, the last chapter of Genesis, where he was surrounded by family and bestowed “blessings” upon each of his sons. The contrast of the warmth I felt recalling a professor’s explanation of God’s presence within each of us when at the death bed of another in relation to Jacob’s story, and the overwhelming realization that so many people have been denied access to this comfort over the past year.

Yet, as I mentioned earlier, if I choose to focus only on the unfairness or pain associated with changes to our grieving practices, or any of the many other negative repercussions stemming from COVID, I only disempower myself further from having the capacity to connect and provide comfort in the ways I still can.

However, at that moment the reality of this loss became very real. Picturing my aunt, the first woman I had known to accept an Aliyah at the Torah, an active participant of her congregation until only a year earlier when moving into a retirement home in another state, a past president of her former synagogue... picturing her alone in the home she now resides in, unable to have family

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join her in sitting shiva, the loss and pain just became real, and it hurt.

I believe what was most difficult was seeing so clearly just how quickly life can change... recalling how only two years ago, Michael had called to request that I come home to officiate at his father’s, my great uncle’s, funeral. I was immediately able to fly home, knowing my uncle’s passing would be imminent. All of my uncle’s immediate family — his wife, my aunt; his three sons and their wives; my parents, my father’s brother; and my two sisters... we were all gathered around my uncle during the last days of his life. We shared stories, some I had never even heard before, while bringing each other comfort.

In hindsight, this was not only precious time spent together with family, it was also a way in which my uncle’s 94 years of life became a blessing to and within all of us. Then came the overwhelming realization, there was no way to have known Michael was not within the best of health.

Most days I choose to focus on what we do know, what is within our ability, what we can bring to each other’s lives despite the unknown, and all of the current challenges and restrictions... but I would be foolish in not recognizing that our lives have been altered significantly. Having the ability to be in the same room without the risk of taking yours or your loved one’s life into your hands seems too far off. I continue to be grateful for Zoom, FaceTime, livestreaming, and all the brilliant advances that have provided us with the ability to connect, but admittedly at times it can feel less than adequate.

Trying to find ways to bring comfort despite distance has been an enduring quest for all of us. I recently came

across a truly excellent presentation by Rick C. Benson, B.Ed. M.A., licensed counselor, therapist, and chaplain. Benson’s slide presentation on Coping with COVID-19 is clear, and at times even

quite humorous despite the seriousness of its topics. Topics such as: how the stress and anxiety experienced from COVID-19 is experienced, viewing COVID as a type of significant loss; quotes and messages from renowned researchers in the field of medicine and spirituality; exploring views found in the field of grief and chaos theory; guides to loss and healthy coping mechanisms; constructive and not so constructive ways of coping, and much more.

Please know, should you be struggling, do not discount the healing that can be experienced when sharing a burden with another. Know that I want to be present for you, that this is what I feel is one of the greatest gifts I’ve been given as your Cantor.

Despite physical distance and the continued chaos of COVID-19, we can still build relationships and strong connections. I recall the old adage, “a burden shared is a burden halved.”

In this coming year, I pray that you and your loved ones stay safe and remain healthy, find ways to grow spiritually, and find comfort in our services, even when the occasional glitches in our “sound system” make it sound like I’m screaming!

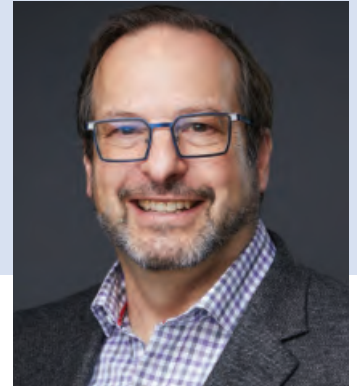
Most of all, I pray for an effective and quickly dispersed vaccine!! Oh, and of course world peace... why not?!!

Here are just a few sites you may find useful:

- [Responding to Change and Loss](#)
- [Caring for your Spirit in a Time of Crisis](#)
- [Action Calendar: Friendly February 2021](#)



# The challenge of being compassionate



by Len Bates  
Executive Board Member

Compassion is no stranger to the Jewish people. It is embedded in our texts, we have lived with it, argued for it, and, unfortunately, during dark periods of our history, experienced its absence.

To be truly and consistently compassionate is not as straightforward as it sounds. In our daily lives, most of us would consider ourselves to be compassionate, but are we consistently compassionate? Sure, we care deeply for our loved ones, but what about those we casually know such as our co-workers? In my human resources practice, I hear no shortage of stories of people being treated poorly or with indifference. I don't believe this is intentional, but it certainly has an undesired impact.

Even the most well-meaning can often be more compassionate at work. For instance, when seeing a co-worker for the first time that day, the co-worker may ask, "How are you?" This is, in most

cases, a perfunctory greeting with little expectation for an open or detailed reply. We can do better. A more compassionate question could be, "How are you coping working from home while the kids are home from school, too?" Or for someone living by themselves, "These times are difficult for everyone. How are you coping on your own?" These two examples demonstrate compassion by recognizing the individual circumstances and inviting a more substantial answer.

I think of my friend, Chuck, who like many is working from home and physically cut off from the rest of his family. A gregarious person, Chuck likes chatting with others and misses the interaction. Being single, at home he really feels cut-off. He has friends but hasn't been able to see them. When asked by his manager, "How are you?" he feels that his manager doesn't really care.

There are times that I have difficulty extending compassion to someone who is

rude. I try to remind myself that we are *b'tzelem Elohim*, made in God's image, and I need to do the right thing. Sometimes it works, and I become the better person in a difficult situation.

While we need to be cautious with strangers, one should always be gracious. While few could be like Abraham, who while recovering from being circumcised, saw three strangers wandering in the desert and invited them into his tent for a meal, I hope I am not indifferent to the plight of others.

Courtesy, tact, willingness to listen, and help are all ingredients for being compassionate. Let's not reserve our compassion for only those we love. Whether it be the stranger who has fallen on the street, the harried cashier at the grocery store, or a co-worker, they are all deserving of our compassion. It demonstrates our humanity and helps us connect and engage with those around us, allows for fairness and justice, and makes the world a better place.

Waiting for the Purim Shpiel  
to begin and there's only  
prune hamantaschen left ...



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3 and 17 at 7:30pm

# ELEANOR'S PIANO BAR

Please send requests for Jewish songs or secular oldies to [eleanor@harzion.ca](mailto:eleanor@harzion.ca)

[Click here for the link](#)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5 at 6:30pm via livestream

## Family Shabbat Service

followed by a special Zoom Oneg at 7:30pm. Rabbi Weiss will give a special blessing to all who have celebrated birthdays since last March! Don't miss it!





SPECIAL EVENT | TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9 at 7:30pm

# UNBALANCED DURING COVID 19: What our minds and bodies are telling us

If you are feeling anxiety and grief these days, it's a healthy, natural response to the seismic shift that our day-by-day realities have undergone for almost a year.

BY REGISTRATION ONLY: Please join Temple Har Zion and Dr. Betsy Stone –  
Psychologist, Teacher, Facilitator – on Tuesday February 9.

Trauma makes it difficult for  
us to think and wears us out.  
Dr. Stone explores our "normal"  
reactions to heightened stress.



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Dr. Betsy Stone is a retired clinical psychologist who currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer at Hebrew Union College. For more information and a full biography on Dr. Stone, please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit her website



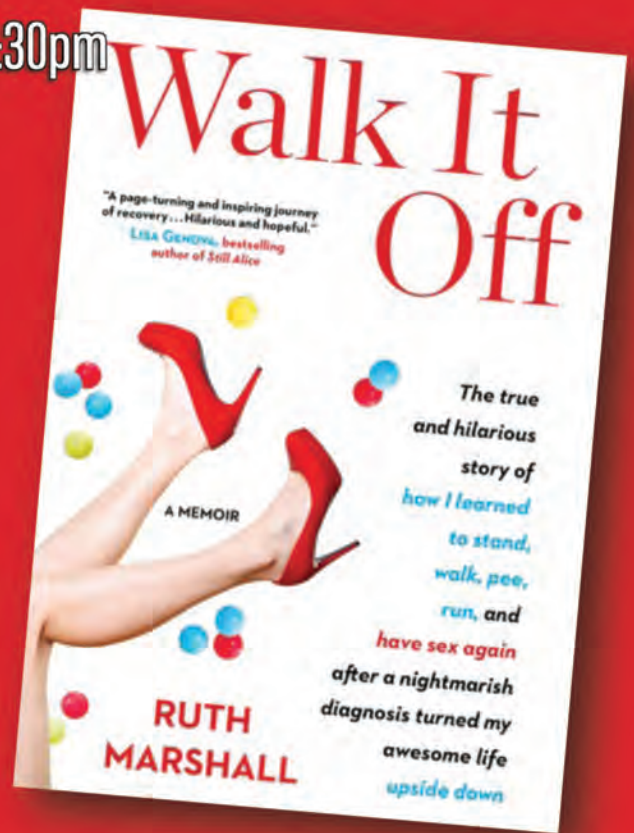
SISTERHOOD | THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 at 7:30pm

# WALK IT OFF

by RUTH MARSHALL

Please join us when Ruth Marshall will discuss her memoir – the inspiring story of her journey to learn to walk after a devastating illness.

FREE to THZ members; Guests \$2  
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ROSH CHODESH | MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 at NOON

# GEFILTE FISH IS NOT THE ONLY FISH IN OUR HERITAGE...

Believe it or not, Britain's iconic fish and chips has its roots in Sephardic Jewish cooking.

Please join us as Marilyn Kartash leads us in a discussion about the history of Fish and Chips and the Jewish Connection.

Enjoy a light lunch or snack while you listen and participate. Friends are always welcome!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#)





# CAMP GEORGE SUMMER 2021

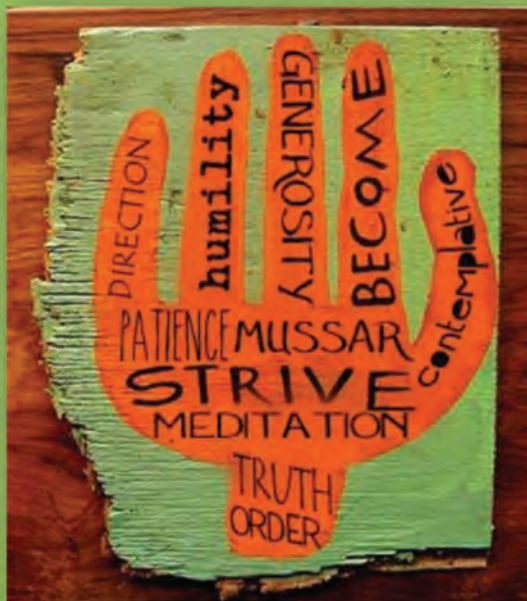
## FUNDING APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Temple Har Zion, together with your Sisterhood, wants to help send your children to camp this summer! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to reach out to Carol for a financial assistance form.

Funding applications will be accepted up to and including **Friday February 26**. All applications are held in confidence.

THURSDAYS at NOON

# Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weiss

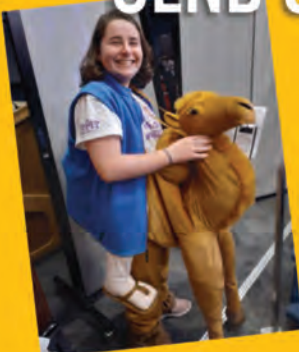


**MUSSAR:** "teaching the heart what the mind already understands"

By cultivating inner virtues, we improve ourselves and continue to live meaningful and ethical lives. The study of Mussar continues with Rabbi Weiss.

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# SEND US PICS OF YOUR PURIM COSTUMES!



We'd love to share them in next month's connect newsletter.

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# Health & Wellness



Continue staying healthy, active and limber!

**MONDAY to FRIDAY: Carefirst Seniors' Exercise**  
Falls Prevention and Conditioning

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at 11am: Zoom Yoga with David Kendal**  
"Yin" yoga on Fridays – you'll need 2 yoga blocks, a blanket that can be folded, and 1 or 2 yoga bolsters

## Good for your Spirit

**MONDAYS at NOON: Virtual Sip & Schmooze**

Schmooze, chat and check in with your Temple Family! Grab a snack and a coffee, or whatever you fancy, and visit your THZ friends virtually. Invite your friends, too!

**FEBRUARY 8 and 15**



## Good for your Soul

**MONDAY at NOON: Zoom with the THZ Knitters**

The Temple Knitters continue to stay connected! Have a great time socializing, knitting, and sharing patterns. If you can't knit, they'll teach you! New members are always welcome to join in!

**FEBRUARY 1**

**CLICK HERE** for details and links





# Temple Family News

A hearty Mazal Tov to the following families:

## BIRTHS

**Paula and Irving Frisch** on the birth of their granddaughter Cecelia, daughter of Joanne Frisch and Dominik Wojtarowicz  
**Dara and Irv Kideckel** on the birth of their granddaughter Enid Helena, daughter of Mookie Kideckel and Madeleine Rosenberg

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH

**Arie and Deborah Papernick** in celebration of their son Joshua's Bar Mitzvah

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Danny and Rhona Abraham** on the engagements of their son Ryan to Stephanie Alexopoulos and their daughter Jessica to Brandon Leibgott  
**Tony and Ilissa Katz** on the engagement of their daughter Jessica to Darren Lewis

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to:  
**Laurie Saunders** for her mother Bernice Saunders

## NEW MEMBERS

THZ extends a warm welcome to:  
**Kim Morris**

# Tributes and Acknowledgements

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**Eleanor and Bernard Faibish** in memory of Eleanor's father Nathan Menkes  
**Ilissa and Tony Katz** in memory of Ilissa's stepmother Rosalyn Rosenthal, her mother Faigie Rosenthal and her grandmother Anne Zepp  
**Barbara Labovitz** in memory of her mother Minnie Banky  
**Marilyn Lindor** to Susan and Paul Sermer in celebration of the birth of their grandson Alon Roi Sermer Bar-Eitan  
**Stephen and Myrna Marcus** to Carol Handelman on the birth of her grandson August "Augie" William Reingold; and to Laurie Saunders and Peter Drutz and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Bernice Saunders

We thank the following for a donation to the Temple Har Zion Fund for the sponsorship of a Congregational Kiddush, Seudah, Oneg, Torah Study or Morning Minyan Breakfast:

**Ben and Susan Aronowitz** in memory of Ben's sister Tzipora Bassan  
**Sherrill Berrys** in memory of her husband John Berrys  
**Phylis and Alan Coles** in memory of Phylis's mother Betty Catania  
**Jerry and Marley Greenglass** in memory of Jerry's mother Laura Greenglass  
**Frances Malach** in memory of her mother Mary Gelbard

## ADULT EDUCATION FUND

**Shae Eckler** to the Maxwell family in memory of Martin Maxwell  
**Irving and Paula Frisch** to Marlene Smith and family in memory of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather Sid Smith  
**Minna and Howard Mosher** to Alan Packard in celebration of his special birthday  
**Lisa Rose and Sydney Fox** in memory of Lisa's parents Stanley Rose and Marcia Rose

## ANN ZWORTH HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

**Jill and Taylor Kumer; Wayne and Zeldie Kurtz; David Marmurek and family; Lisa Pacht and Ellen and Allan Rosenbluth** to Neil Zworth and Jennifer Wyman and family in memory of their father, father-in-law and grandfather Mickey Zworth  
**Stanley and Brenda Pasternak** on the Yahrzeit of Stanley's mother Helen Pasternak.

## ARTHUR AND DVORA BROWN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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**Linda and Stephen Newstead** in memory of Linda's mother Hilda Volks  
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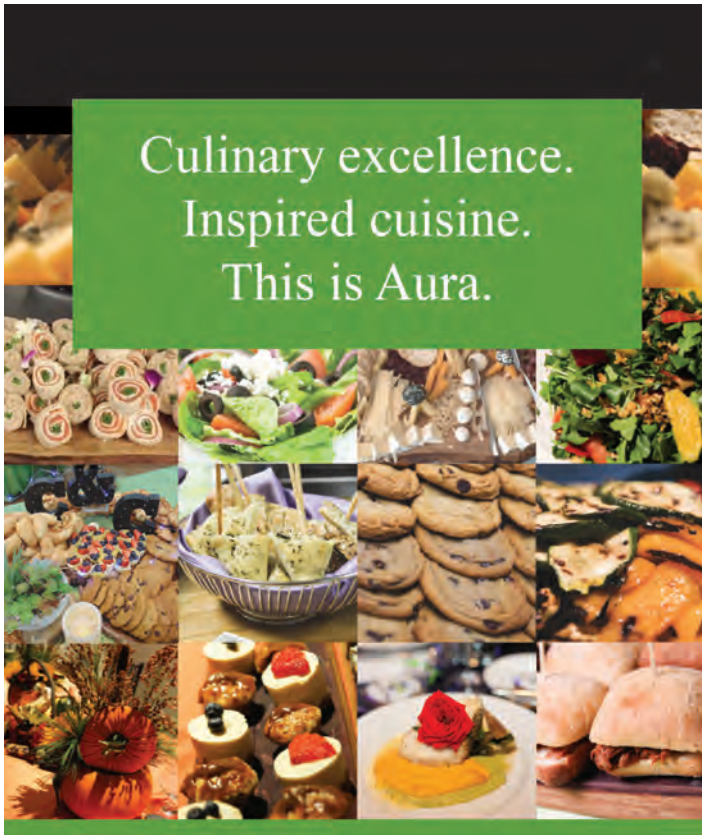
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> <i>Adar 16</i> 9:30a Beit Midrash	<b>1</b> <i>Adar 17</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 12:00p Zoom with the THZ Knitters 6:00p Beit No'ar	<b>2</b> <i>Adar 18</i> 4:45p Beit Ivrit 7:30p Adult Ed Program	<b>3</b> <i>Adar 19</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 7:30p Eleanor's Piano Bar via Zoom	<b>4</b> <i>Adar 20</i> 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss 7:00p Executive Meeting	<b>5</b> <i>Adar 21</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 6:30p Family Service - livestream 7:30p Oneg via Zoom	<b>6</b> <i>Ki Tisa Adar 22</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
<b>7</b> <i>Adar 23</i> 9:30a Beit Midrash	<b>8</b> <i>Adar 24</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 12:00p Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom 6:00p Beit No'ar 6:30p Confirmation Class	<b>9</b> <i>Adar 25</i> 4:45p Beit Ivrit 7:30p Book Club	<b>10</b> <i>Adar 26</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>11</b> <i>Adar 27</i> 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss 7:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>12</b> <i>Adar 28</i> 9:30a Carefirst Seniors Exercise 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 6:30p Service - livestream	<b>13</b> <i>Vayak'heil- P'kudei Adar 29</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
<b>14</b> <i>NO Beit Midrash Nisan 1</i>	<b>15</b> <i>MARCH BREAK NO Beit No'ar Nisan 2</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 12:00p Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom	<b>16</b> <i>MARCH BREAK NO Beit Ivrit Nisan 3</i>	<b>17</b> <i>MARCH BREAK Nisan 4</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 7:30p Eleanor's Piano Bar via Zoom	<b>18</b> <i>MARCH BREAK Nisan 5</i> 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss	<b>19</b> <i>MARCH BREAK Nisan 6</i> 9:30a Carefirst Seniors Exercise 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 6:30p Service - livestream	<b>20</b> <i>Vayikra Nisan 7</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
<b>21</b> <i>NO Beit Midrash Nisan 8</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Nisan 9</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 12:00p Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom 6:00p Beit No'ar 6:30p Confirmation Class	<b>23</b> <i>Nisan 10</i> 4:45p Beit Ivrit 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>24</b> <i>Nisan 11</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>25</b> <i>Nisan 12</i> 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss	<b>26</b> <i>Nisan 13</i> 9:30a Carefirst Seniors Exercise 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 6:30p Service - livestream	<b>27</b> <i>Erev Passover Tzav FIRST SEDER Nisan 14</i> 9:00a Torah Study with Rabbi Stroh 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
<b>28</b> <i>Passover Nisan 15</i> NO Beit Midrash SECOND SEDER	<b>29</b> <i>Chol Hamoed Passover NO Beit No'ar Nisan 16</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 12:00p Rosh Chodesh	<b>30</b> <i>Chol Hamoed Passover NO Beit Ivrit Nisan 17</i> 4:45p Beit Ivrit	<b>31</b> <i>Chol Hamoed Passover Nisan 18</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 7:30p Eleanor's Piano Bar via Zoom	<b>1</b> <i>Chol Hamoed Passover Nisan 19</i> 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss	<b>2</b> <i>Chol Hamoed Passover OFFICE CLOSED Nisan 20</i> 11:00a Yoga via Zoom 6:30p Family Service - livestream	<b>3</b> <i>Passover Yizkor Nisan 21</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service with Yizkor (7th day Passover)