



## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 3-5 PM

**MEMORY CAFÉ** Free program for those dealing with memory loss, their family & caregivers. (1st Thursday of each month) (See page 5)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - 4 pm

Judaism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Series (co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation)

**RABBI ELIE SPITZ** "Becoming Your Best: Jewish insights & techniques for moving toward greater wholeness, ease, and effectiveness." (See page 4)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 & 14 - 7-8:15 pm

Last two sessions of **PSALM SPRINGS**: Rabbi Lazar team-teaches two psalms with community Christian clergy: February 7 (Psalm 8) with **Reverend Lane Hensley**, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and February 14 (Psalm 139) with **Reverend Christine Dickerson**, Palm Springs Presbyterian Church.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 10 am

Bat Mitzvah of **Elky Lehman**, daughter of Sheldon & Jenny Lehman.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 3 pm

Fourth lecture of the Philip & Eleanor Short Lecture Series (Co-sponsored by UC Riverside Maimonides Chair of Jewish Studies) **DR. ALYSSA SEPINWALL** **Jewish-Muslim Relations in France: A Historic & Cinematic Perspective.** (See page 6)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - 4 pm

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**LAURIE GROSS SCHAEFFER** **Text and Texture: An Artist's Journey Through Visual Midrash.** (see page 4)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12 - 4-7 pm

**IT'S PURIM!** Join us for the megillah reading at 4 pm, followed by a Purim Potluck Supper. See announcement to the right. Pull out your hamantashen recipes and watch for details!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

**Fourth Annual Jewish Film Festival.** (See pages 6 & 7)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - 4 pm

Judaism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Series (co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation)

**PROFESSOR SHAUL MAGID** "Why Should We Progressive Jews Be Interested in Hasidism." (see page 4)

## MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 4 pm

**TEMPLE ISIAIAH'S 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER** Our Community Seder will be held the **FIRST NIGHT** of Passover. Watch for details coming soon.

## PURIM POTLUCK




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.... & HAMANTASHEN!

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017  
MEGILLAH READING -4:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER!  
WATCH FOR DETAILS! SAVE THE DATE!

## ❖ *From Our President's Desk*

### *Ira Helf*

The Board of Trustees at Temple Isaiah meets every month. We had our first meeting of 2017 a few weeks ago, and there are some things that I would like to share with our Chai Lights readership. Many of you may know that Board meetings are generally not the most exciting things in the world. I believe that our meetings are a bit more interesting as we have a passionate Board who are facing important issues. Here are some of the outcomes from our January meeting:



#### 1. Update on Fundraising

The current fiscal year began on July 1, 2016, and will end on June 30, 2017. In the first half of the current fiscal year (July 1 – December 31 2016) we had a substantial number of successful fundraisers. I will introduce this by saying that a few years ago the fundraising events at Temple Isaiah did quite the opposite of fundraising, by which I mean that in many cases we took a financial loss on the event. In the past two years we have figured out a more successful formula and almost every recent event has been profitable. This year is a shining example of that.

Our largest fundraisers in the past six months have been:

- The December 10<sup>th</sup> event at the Annenberg Theater, featuring a wonderful performance by Linda Lavin followed by a delicious buffet meal
- The installation of Rabbi Lazar in November, including the performance "Jews Do the Blues" featuring Deanna Bogart
- A "rummage sale" in our parking lot, which cleaned out a lot of people's garages, and also filled the garages of a whole new set of people

Each of these events brought in thousands, and sometimes tens of thousands, of dollars to Temple Isaiah. It's been a long time since we had such a string of successful events. We're all very grateful to the team of people who made them happen, including Carol Fragen, Vicki Miller, and Ron Martinez.

Profitable fundraising events might not change our financial situation enough to reverse the historical trend completely, but it does help us considerably in extending the amount of time we might be able to stay in our current building. For that reason, we are very appreciative of the participation and support by our congregation as well as the larger community in attending these events.

#### 2. Passover Seder

We had a long and fruitful discussion about setting the date for our Passover Seder. Both Rabbi Lazar and Doug Morton participated in the discussion with the full Board. Together we made the decision that this year our Seder will be on 1<sup>st</sup> night of Passover, Monday, April 10, 2017. More information about this will be available in the near future. I hope you will join us this year at our traditional Seder.

#### 3. Formation of Committees

The participation of many people is required for any synagogue to thrive. Ours is no exception. We believe that a structure of active committees make it easier for anyone to participate. In that effort, we have formed a slate of committees for 2017. If you have any interest in being on one or more of these, or would like more information, please contact Doug Morton or me. The 2017 committees are:

- Events & Fundraising
- Facilities & Security
- Membership
- Real Estate
- Ritual
- Tikkun Olam/Social Action
- Women's Auxiliary



Thank you for being a part of the Temple Isaiah family. Please consider getting even more involved this year, and join one or more of our committees.

Shalom aleichem.

*Ira J. Helf*



**Mazel tov to Ellen Dina (Elky) Lehman,  
daughter of Jenny & Sheldon Lehman,  
on being called to the Torah  
as a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Ki Tissa  
Saturday, February 18, 2017**



## ❖ From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi David Lazar



*At the time that Adam was created, God led him past every tree in the Garden of Eden and said to him, "See how beautiful and praiseworthy are My creations. Everything that I created, I have done so for you. Be careful not to damage or destroy My world, for if you damage it, there will be no one to clean up after your mess!"*

*(Midrash Kohelet Rabbah 7:13)*

Awareness and appreciation of nature are an important part of everyone's life and all the more so out here in the desert. We live within touching distance of the impressive San Jacinto Mountains, with weather that enables us to be outside for most months of the year. We are reminded daily of "how beautiful and praiseworthy" God's creation is.

But we also know that we human beings have made a mess of that creation. Our earth, air and seas are plagued by pollution. It is now agreed upon by the vast majority of climate scientists that climate change is a very real phenomenon and that greenhouse gasses, the byproduct of our energy needs provided by burning fossil fuels, are indeed the cause of what is happening to our weather. This leads to the erosion of coast lines, the flooding of islands and very likely to the drought that we have experienced in recent years. True, this winter has brought some very good news with nearly half of the state drought-free for the first time in six years. This is definitely a time to give thanks and celebrate blessings of what abundant water brings us. But it is also a time for us to be mindful of the damage done to the tree population of California by way of fire and harmful insects that the critical lack of water has inflicted upon the resilience of our forests.

Tu B'Sh'vat, the fifteenth day of the Jewish lunar month Sh'vat, coming up on February 10, is our calendar's way of encouraging us to set aside time to appreciate the blessings of nature and, in particular, trees - and consider how we interact with nature.

This date is first mentioned in the Mishnah (*Rosh Hashanah 1:1*) as "the new year for trees" and was simply a date of economic-religious importance in the realm of the Torah's agricultural laws. One law, that of *orlah* (*Lev. 19:23-25*), stipulates that the fruit of a tree must not be eaten in the first three years after planting and that a special Temple offering be made in the fourth year. But according to rabbinic interpretation, instead of counting the years after the actual planting, as we would with someone's birthday, years are computed in a way that a tree planted on any day of the year before the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sh'vat, is thought of as one year old on that date, even if planted the day before. This is similar to paying tax on income we have earned on any day of the year before December 31<sup>st</sup>. This way of figuring

also applies to the various types of tithing of tree fruit (*e.g. Deut. 14:22*).

With time, as fewer Jews lived and farmed in the Land of Israel, and more lived in the Diaspora, observance of these laws diminished. It wasn't until after Jews began returning to the Holy Land, among them the 16<sup>th</sup> century Kabbalists of Safed, that this practice was brought back to life. These Jewish mystics created a ceremony in which different kinds of wine and fruits were used to symbolize the various "spheres" from which our universe is composed.

However, since Kabbalists were (and still are) a predominantly elite stratum of Jewish society, very few people actually celebrated this Tu B'Sh'vat ritual. And so, the date still remained quite peripheral in Jewish culture. It wasn't until Zionist school teachers in pre-State Palestine created a Jewish Arbor Day, complete with tree planting and reforestation of the Land, that the observance entered modern times.

In his groundbreaking work, *The Way Into Judaism and the Environment* (2006), Israeli environmental activist, Jeremy Benstein, points out that these stages in the historical development of this day on the Jewish calendar represent three aspects of human existence: 1) Economic, as found in the Laws of the Mishnah; 2) Spiritual, as reflected in the Kabbalistic Seder; 3) National-Political, which surfaces in early Zionist culture. He goes on to say that they all come together in the fourth stage of development which began in the 1970's, that of seeing Tu B'Sh'vat as the Jewish Earth Day:

Taken alone, each component can easily get out of whack: the economic can become merely utilitarian; the spiritual, overly abstract; and the national risks degenerating into chauvinism. The overarching contemporary environmental perspective provides a unifying synthesis for our time. (*p. 181*)

And how might we understand "a unifying synthesis" here in our community?

Tu B'Sh'vat in its earliest use, as a "new year" of sorts reminds us that as human beings, we need measured units of time in order to take stock of ourselves, what we've taken and what we must give back. On this date, we consider that give and take relationship with the land.

From a spiritual point of view, we look to trees, and the plant world in general, to teach us about ourselves. Just as trees reach down and draw water and minerals from the earth, so too we humans also have "roots,"

and that we seek, and actually need, nourishment from "the depths" – that is, our past, our heritage and our traditions. Much in the same way that trees need sunlight and moisture from the dew in order to thrive, we humans also strive to be open and refreshed from that which comes from a place that we often refer to as "above," the heavens, in the form of inspiration, awe and hope.

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*Book of Customs, Amsterdam, 1728, Gross Family Collection, Tel Aviv*



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Our shared Jewish history and continued focus on the State of Israel's future – from a social, economical and security point of view – can also be examined through our observance of Tu B'Sh'vat. Many of us have planted trees in Israel, either literally with our hands or through the fundraising efforts of the Jewish National Fund. This is but one way to help build and maintain the modern Jewish State but it may not necessarily be the best way of doing so. Each of us must search out and find the ways most suited to our own ideologies and passions in order to show our advocacy and support for our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Finally, experiencing Tu B'Sh'vat as our own Earth Day helps us consider the intersection of our Jewish identities and our concern for the environment.

Among the issues that come to mind for us here in Palm Springs that are often talked about are water conservation and ensuring that we don't over build into areas of pristine nature. And there have been successes: for instance California, in general, and the Coachella Valley in particular, have led the way with both wind and solar energy alternatives to fossil fuels.

But there is still much to do. The Palm Springs City Council will soon have the opportunity to approve a new ordinance requiring that most newly constructed and significantly remodeled residential buildings be equipped with solar energy units. Details of this proposed regulation are still being worked out, such as long-term savings versus short-term building cost increases, impact on the building industry and affordable housing, etc. Nevertheless, this seems to be a good step forward.

It is only a small step, but one that will send a message to other parts of the country. The message is that we can and should make efforts to begin to reverse the damage done by greenhouse gasses because, after all, there is no one to clean up our mess other than ourselves!

Tu B'Sh'vat Sameah,

*Rebbi David Lazar*

## JUDAISM FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

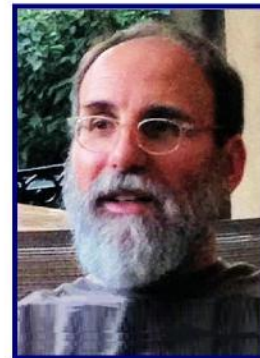
*Three remaining, fascinating lectures presented by Temple Isaiah, with the support of the Jewish Federation of the Desert*



Rabbi Elie Spitz



Laurie Gross Schaeffer



Professor Shaul Magid

**Sunday, February 5, 2017 - 4:00 pm**

**RABBI ELIE SPITZ, Congregation B'nai Israel, Tustin, CA**

- ***"Becoming Your Best: Jewish insights and techniques for moving toward greater wholeness, ease, and effectiveness"***

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 4:00 pm**

**LAURIE GROSS SCHAEFER, Santa Barbara, CA**

- ***Text and Texture, An Artist's Journey Through Visual Midrash***

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 4:00 pm**

**PROFESSOR SHAUL MAGID, Indiana University**

- ***"Why Should We Progressive Jews be Interested in Hasidism?"***

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OF THE DESERT



## ❖ *From the Executive Director* **Douglas Morton**

I hope that everyone is being welcomed well by 2017. Here at the Temple we have been busy planning numerous activities and classes.

Coming up in the next few weeks will be an opportunity to attend two interesting lectures.



On Sunday, February 5 at 4:00 pm **Rabbi Elie Spitz** will be speaking on "Becoming Your Best: Jewish Insights and Techniques for Moving Toward Greater Wholeness, Ease and Effectiveness." Then, on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 pm (note the time) **Dr. Alyssa Sepinwall** will address "Jewish-Muslim Relations in France: A Historical and Cinematic Perspective." This lecture will come complete with movie clips on the subject and discuss a very current topic relevant to our world today. You can sign up for either one or both of the lectures online at [www.templeisaiahps.com](http://www.templeisaiahps.com) or you can call us at the office 760-325-2281.



*ExploraTorah* is going strong. I personally try to attend the class whenever I can. The classes are interesting and I take something new from the Torah with me after each one. If you have attended you know what I'm talking about; if you haven't, give it a try!



The last two sessions of **Psalm Springs** will be the two Tuesday evenings, February 7 & 14 from 7:00-8:15 pm. Local clergy **Rev. Lane Hensley** and **Rev. Christine Dickerson** are joining **Rabbi David Lazar** to co-teach a psalm each session.

Memory Café, a social afternoon for those dealing with memory loss, their family and caregivers, meets the first Thursday of the month, facilitated by **Soo Borson**, a member of our board and retired physician specializing in Alzheimer's and related diseases. The program is open to the community. If you know anyone that might be interested, please let them know they are welcome.



The buzz for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Springs Jewish Film Fest is growing. I am pleased to say that **Eileen Stern** and her Committee have been hard at work and secured more sponsors than we have for any of the previous film festivals. This year we will have 10 films and 7 shorts!

The opening film and cocktail reception on March 19 will be at Temple Isaiah. The film "Surviving Skokie" will be followed by Q&A with the film's creator and his father, a Holocaust survivor. The next three days all films will be at the



Camelot Theatres, including the closing event, featuring the film "Whose Gonna Love Me," followed by a live performance by the Palm Springs Gay Men's chorus and a special interview with the subject of the film, **Saaz Maoz**, exclusive to the Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival.

Take a minute to view all of our films on the website by clicking Community and Jewish Film Festival. There, you'll be able to view the festival by schedule, read synopses or see trailers of the films. Tickets are now available for purchase on the website or by calling the office.

A special thank you goes out to **Jeff Diebly** for designing this incredible section of our website. I hope you'll all join me for some or all of this year's Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival as your schedule allows.

As you read in our president's column on page 2, Ira Helf is asking for volunteers to serve on several committees. I am extremely excited to be chairing the new Membership Committee. This year we will meet to discuss not only how to increase our membership size, but focus on strengthening membership retention. Additionally, we will discuss formalizing an exit interview process so that we can gain a better perspective of how to continually improve.

I truly hope that we will see you in the near future, for services, lectures, films and/or classes. The Temple belongs to each one of us and together we can make it an even greater experience for everyone.

Shalom,

*Douglas*

A social event for anyone living with memory loss and their family, friends and caregivers:

### JOIN US AT MEMORY CAFÉ

A community outreach program open to everyone!



Please join us at the Palm Springs **Memory Café**; a chance to make new friends, spend easy time together, enjoy a light refreshment, hear a little music, maybe sing along or even dance a little!

**WHEN?** The first Thursdays of the month, from 3-5 pm

**WHERE?** The foyer at Temple Isaiah, 332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs. Free parking. Level entry.

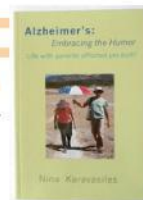
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#### NEXT CAFÉ: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>

Special guest: Meet Nina Karavasiles, author of "Alzheimer's: Embracing the Humor." Perk for the first 20 attendees: A free copy of this delightful book!



Temple Isaiah presents the 2016-2017  
Philip & Eleanor Short Lecture Series,  
in partnership with UC Riverside  
Maimonides Chair in Jewish Studies

## Final Lecture

Sunday, February 26, 2017

3 PM (note time)

DR. ALYSSA SEPINWALL

"Jewish-Muslim Relations in  
France: A Historical &  
Cinematic Perspective"



Members: \$12 • Guests: \$18

Lecture held at Temple Isaiah  
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If you are unwell, please notify the  
Temple Office - 760-325-2281 - or  
have someone call on your behalf, so  
that Rabbi Lazar can be in contact  
with you.

## JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL ORDER FORM



### ◆ PLATINUM ALL ACCESS PASS

Includes opening and closing events,  
all films & priority seating

☐ \$100 Number passes \_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_

### ◆ FESTIVAL PASS

Excludes opening & closing events

☐ \$54 Number passes \_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_

### ◆ Opening night film & reception

☐ \$18 Number tickets \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_

### ◆ Closing night film & performance

☐ \$18 Number tickets \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_

### INDIVIDUAL TICKET PURCHASES

MONDAY \_\_\_\_ Fanny's Journey  
\_\_\_\_ Fever at Dawn  
\_\_\_\_ Disturbing the Peace

TUESDAY \_\_\_\_ 49,172  
\_\_\_\_ On the Map  
\_\_\_\_ Seven Short Films  
\_\_\_\_ Encore: Fanny's Journey

WEDNESDAY \_\_\_\_ Wunderkinder  
\_\_\_\_ Mussa  
\_\_\_\_ In Search of Israeli Cuisine

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL TICKETS @ \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_

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## JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL ORDER FORM





# Jewish FILM Festival



**PALM SPRINGS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL ♦ MARCH 19-22, 2017**  
[www.templeisaiahps.com/jff](http://www.templeisaiahps.com/jff) or 760-325-2281

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 ♦ Opening Film & Cocktail Reception at Temple Isaiah**

## ♦ 4 PM: SURVIVING SKOKIE (65 minutes, USA)

Eli Adler's deeply personal film follows his father, Jack Adler, a Polish concentration camp survivor, who built a life in Skokie, Illinois. But the quiet existence of hundreds of survivors was rocked in the 1970's when a neo-Nazi group plans to march through town. As the community comes together to confront hate, long festering emotional scars and memories are uncovered.

*Q & A with Eli and Jack Adler follows screening of film.*



**MONDAY, MARCH 20 ♦ At the Camelot**

## ♦ 10 AM: FANNY'S JOURNEY (95 minutes, France)

A group of Jewish youngsters flee Nazi-occupied France in this inspired-by-fact WWII drama. 12-year-old Fanny leads a group of children across occupied France, aiming to reach the Swiss border. *(Encore Tuesday 4:30 pm)*



## ♦ 1:00 PM: FEVER AT DAWN (114 minutes, Hungary)



Based on true events. In 1945, freed from a concentration camp, 25-year-old Hungarian Miklos is treated in Sweden with severe lung disease, given 6 months to live. Refusing to give up, he corresponds with Hungarian girls

also being treated in Sweden, and a love story with 19-year-old Lili transpires.

## ♦ 3:30 PM: DISTURBING THE PEACE

(88 minutes, Israel) The heartbreaking accounts of both sides of the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. *Q&A with Rabbi Lazar following film.*



**TUESDAY, MARCH 21 ♦ At the Camelot**

## ♦ 10 AM: 49,172 (61 min., USA/Bulgaria)

The gripping story of how all 49,172 Bulgarian Jews survived WWII and the dramatic post-war account of those who rescued their Jewish compatriots.



♦ 12:30 PM: ON THE MAP (78 min., Israel) The story of the 1977 Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team making history by beating the Soviets and winning the first European title.

♦ 2:30 PM: Seven short films: ♦ AND THEN VIOLENCE (15 minutes, France); ♦ THE CHOP (16 minutes, UK); ♦ MR. BERNSTEIN (12 minutes, Canada); ♦ AVE MARIA (15 minutes, Israel); ♦ THE MAN WHO SHOT HOLLYWOOD (12 minutes, USA); ♦ A REUBEN BY ANY OTHER NAME (4 minutes, USA); and ♦ GEVALD (16 minutes, Israel).

♦ 4:30 PM FANNY'S JOURNEY ♦ Encore performance

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 ♦ At the Camelot**

## ♦ 10 AM: WUNDERKINDER (100 min., Germany)

Set in Ukraine 1941, before the German invasion, the story of three talented children, 2 Jewish, 1 German, whose friendship extends beyond the different religions and nationalities.



## ♦ 1 PM: MUSSA (60 minutes, Israel)

12-year-old Mussa, an African refugee, fluent in Hebrew, won't speak and no one knows why. He communicates through gestures. An engaging story of

non-Jewish immigrants in Israel. *Q&A with Rabbi Lazar following film.*

## ♦ 3 PM: IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE

(96 minutes, Israel) A portrait of the Israeli people told through food, putting a face on the over 100 cultures that make up Israel today.



**MARCH 22 CLOSING EVENT ♦ At the Camelot**



## ♦ 6 PM: WHO'S GONNA LOVE ME NOW? (84 min., Israel/UK)

You're 40. You're a gay Israeli in London, far from your Orthodox family. You're HIV positive, nurtured by your friends in the London Gay Men's Chorus. A documentary of guilt and introspection. Winner of the Audience Choice Award at the 2016 UK Jewish Film Festival. Following the film there will be a special live performance by the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus.

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Opening night film & reception..... \$18

Closing night film & PSGMC performance.... \$18

Individual tickets (not opening or closing) ... \$10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2017</h1>						
			1 3-4:15 pm <i>ExplozaTotah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	2 3-5 pm Memory Café 	3 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	4 10 am Shabbat services
5 Temple office closed 4 pm: <i>Judaism for the 21st Century Program. Speaker: Rabbi Elie Spitz</i>	6 Temple office closed	7 7-8:15 pm <b>Psalm Springs</b> class with Rabbi Lazar & Rev. Lane Hensley	8 3-4:15 pm <i>ExplozaTotah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	9	10 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	11 <b>Tu B'Shevat</b>  <b>טו בשבט</b> 10 am Shabbat services
12 Temple office closed	13 Temple office closed	14 7-8:15 pm <b>Psalm Springs</b> class with Rabbi Lazar & Rev. Christine Dickerson	15 3-4:15 pm <i>ExplozaTotah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	16	17 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	18 10 am Shabbat services <b>Bat Mitzvah of Elky Lehman</b>
19 Temple office closed	20 Temple office closed	21	22 3-4:15 pm <i>ExplozaTotah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	23	24 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	25 10 am Shabbat services
26 Temple office closed <b>3 pm (note time)</b> <i>Short Lecture Series program.</i> Speaker: Dr. Alyssa Sepinwall	27 Temple office closed	28	 Rabbi Elie Spitz	 Dr. Alyssa Sepinwall		






## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Friday, February 3  
Friday, February 10  
Friday, February 17  
Friday, February 24

Shabbat Bo  
Shabbat Beshalach  
Shabbat Yitro  
Shabbat Mishpatim

4:37 pm  
4:44 pm  
4:50 pm  
4:56 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 2017</b>						
 Laurie Gross Shaeffer			1 (No classes)	2 Memory Café 3-5 pm 	3 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	4 10 am Shabbat services
5 Temple office closed 4 pm Judaism in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Lecture <b>Laurie Gross Shaeffer</b>	6 Temple office closed	7	8 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Torah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	9	10 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	11 10 am Shabbat services
12 Temple office closed  4 - 7 pm Read the Megillah, followed by Purim Potluck Supper	13 Temple office closed	14	15 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Torah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	16	17 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	18 10 am Shabbat services
19 Temple office closed	20 Temple office closed	21	22 (No classes)	23	24 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	25 10 am Shabbat services
<b>4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL</b>						
4 pm Opening film & cocktail reception	Films from 10 am- 5:45 pm	Films from 10 am to 6:15 pm	Films from 10 am to 4:30 pm + Closing film & performance 6-8:30 pm			
26 Temple office closed	27 Temple office closed	28	29 3-4:15 pm <i>Exploza Torah</i> 6-8 pm 2BaJew	30	31 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service	



### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

Friday, March 3	Shabbat Terumah	5:02 pm
Friday, March 10	Shabbat Tetzaveh	5:08 pm
Friday, March 17	Shabbat Ki Tisa	6:13 pm
Friday, March 24	Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekutei	6:19 pm
Friday, March 31	Shabbat Vayikra	6:24 pm

## *Thank You to Very Special Members*

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Edith Grossi in loving memory of her partner, Helene Bogolub

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Estelle Silberman in loving memory of her husband, Sanford Silberman

Harley and Caryl Rudofsky in loving memory of Harley's father, Albert Rudofsky

Mike and Hedda Salerno in loving memory of their brother, Joseph Schaefer

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Arnold and Edith Familian  
Charles Steinman  
Ira Helf  
Elaine Land-Dexter

Phyllis Enet and Sherm Gallas in honor of Christopher Greene's birthday and Bar Mitzvah

Sid and Sue Speiser in honor of Christopher Greene's Bar Mitzvah

Harley and Caryl Rudofsky in honor of Christopher Greene's Bar Mitzvah

Phyllis Eisenberg in honor of Denny Seidenfeld's special birthday

### ***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund***

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## **February 1-4 Listed in announcements on February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

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\*Lena Abarbanell  
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\*Sherman Summers  
Rose Traister  
Ron Wein  
\*Michael Wolfson

## **February 12-18 Listed in announcements February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

\*Paula Appleman  
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Robert Cutler  
\*Jules J. Fadem  
\*Clarence Fox  
\*Elizabeth Fox  
\*Samuel H. Graysen  
\*David L. Harmatz  
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\*Bernard Topper  
\*Jerome Turetzky  
\*Anya Victor  
\*Michael Weiss

## **February 19 – 25 Listed in announcements February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

\*Mathilde Bernstein  
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## **February 26-28 Listed in announcements March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

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\*Barney Gordon  
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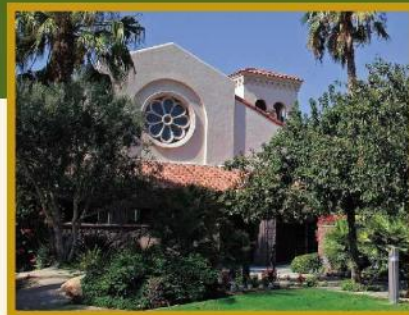
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