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## Rabbi's Message

### Yom Kippur 5776-2015 – Feeling Abandoned and Afraid

On Yom Kippur Day, the traditional focus is on sinfulness and transgressions. This emphasis recalls the story of Noah and the Flood. We read in Genesis 6, "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people in his time. Noah walked faithfully with God." Then the Torah tells us that because the rest of the world was corrupt, God was bringing a flood to cover the whole earth. That is certainly divine punishment for sinfulness.

While on Yom Kippur day, our focus tends to be on individual sinfulness and repentance, we cannot forget the larger theme of human sinfulness. The story of Jonah, which we will read this afternoon, certainly brings up that idea as well. Yet the story of Noah and the flood is the prime of example of a time when God turned away, when blessings were removed and curses were all too present.

This morning, I would will talk about times when we feel abandoned and afraid. I will begin by going back to the story of the Flood and our relationship with God in the Jewish tradition. Then I will address times when we, as Jews, have

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 2

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Classic and Family Shabbat w/Kindergarten Consecration
- 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and Potluck

### OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Yizkor for Sukkot

### OCTOBER 4

- 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service

### OCTOBER 9

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat
- 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Sponsored Shabbat Dinner

### OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion

### OCTOBER 11

- 1:00 p.m. Hunger Hike

### OCTOBER 16

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. K'tanim Shabbat : A Service for Families with Young Children
- 4:30 p.m. Jack Allison Bar Mitzvah

### OCTOBER 23

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### OCTOBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion

### OCTOBER 25

- 3:30 p.m. Sunday Symposia : "Currents in the Stream" - Changing Dynamics of Reform Judaism at Confluence Brewing Co.

### OCTOBER 30

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### OCTOBER 31

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion
- 7:00 p.m. Simchat Bingo

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been abandoned by other people in our time of distress. Finally, I will talk about times when we are left alone as individuals and how our tradition guides us in overcoming our fears at those times.

It is hard for us in the modern world and, particularly, as Reform Jews who emphasize reason in our understanding of Jewish texts to connect to a story as miraculous as the Flood narrative. We are more likely to joke about it. This is my version of one of my favorite flood jokes.

## **A New Flood is Coming**

God reaches out to all of the major religious and political leaders in the world. The Eternal One has had it with how humanity is behaving. Promise or no promise, God is again going to bring a flood. People have a year to prepare for the deluge which will cover the whole face of the earth for 40 days and 40 nights.

Most of the world's leaders simply panic, especially those who were surprised to find out that the Jews had it more or less right all along. They prayed for salvation and no few begin evangelizing in the hope that by getting others to believe in God and follow more religious laws and rituals, that God's wrath might be turned.

"Repent! For the end is nigh!" signs begin to appear everywhere.

Jewish leaders, rabbis, politicians, businessmen, engineers and scientists all get together in Jerusalem at the invitation of the Prime Minister. The meeting begins with prayers of repentance.

After a few days of deliberations, the leaders emerge and hold a press conference. A huge crowd has gathered and people from all around the world watch on television, listen on the radio, and access the live feed via the internet.

"Surely the Jews will know how to respond to God!"

One of the scientists from the Technion in Haifa, an engineering professor, had been elected the leader of the group they were calling YaM, which was an

abbreviation for Yehudim al HaMabul, "Jews about the Flood," and came forward to address the media.

"We understand that there are calls for to build a new Ark or even several that would float upon the coming floodwaters, much like Noah's Ark, except much bigger. Others call for a great space going vessel to take people and animals to colonize Mars or the moon. We know that other peoples are pursuing such efforts. But we Jews are unwilling to choose who shall live and who shall die. That is God's work. There will be no Ark for us."

There was a great rumbling of distress among the gathered media. Were the Jewish leaders simply giving up?

"Some have suggested that we should do our best to make God feel guilty about breaking the promise to Noah, that we should copy the argument used by Abraham avinu, 'Adonai, what if there are 50 righteous souls among us? 40? 30? 20? 10?' Perhaps, then God would relent? But who is truly righteous? Are we not all imperfect? Have we not all sinned? Such is the lesson of the Day of Atonement. How can we dispute it?"

"So you're just giving up???" one of the members of the assembled press asked in no bit of distress.

"No, not at all!" replied the scientist.

"We're all going to learn—how to live—underwater!"

The joke is, of course, about how we would deal with the fear of destruction on a large scale today. Yet in our people's history, we have faced no few disasters and no little strife. We have had to learn to live underwater, to survive in the face of persecutions, invading armies, exiles and genocide.

We have certainly felt abandoned and afraid. But the reassuring words of Isaiah chapter 54 resonate through the generations.

## **Isaiah 54: 7-10**

"For a brief moment I abandoned you,  
but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

In a surge of anger

I hid my face from you for a moment,  
but with everlasting kindness

I will have compassion on you,"  
says the LORD your Redeemer.  
"To me this is like the days of Noah,  
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never  
again cover the earth.  
So now I have sworn not to be angry with you,  
never to rebuke you again.  
Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

We see these words in the Rosh Hashanah Shofar service, reminding us that even though seemingly eternally stable things like mountains and hills may be shaken and moved, neither God's love for the people Israel, nor God's covenant with the survivors of the flood, the Covenant of Peace, will end. God has compassion for us. God cares about us.

The rabbinic tradition argues that God's presence is blessing and God's absence is curse. For God to show us mercy and compassion, God must bless us with God's presence first. This passage in Isaiah is the likely origin of this tradition. In essence, Isaiah informs us that God, who had abandoned us out of anger, hiding God's face from us, and therefore allowing curses to happen to us, has decided to have compassion on us and bless us with God's presence once again.

The concept that presence, that paying attention, can make a positive difference and bring blessings is not one limited our relationship with God. This summer, many of my rabbinical colleagues participated in a march from Selma, Alabama to Washington D.C. that was organized by the NAACP and supported by many other organizations including the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. They called the march, "America's Journey for Justice" and it was part of the NAACP's "Justice Summer." The goal was to raise awareness about issues of race and justice in America and in particular to raise awareness about attempts to limit voting rights.

Torah scrolls were carried by rabbis along the route and the idea of "praying with one's feet," recalling the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, was stated time and again by rabbis discussing their participation in the journey. Those engaged in Tikkun Olam and particularly those engaged in ongoing advocacy for Civil Rights often

recall the image of Rabbi Heschel participating in a similar march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

However, few remember that another Rabbi, Joakim Prinz, spoke in Washington D.C. immediately before Dr. King at the March on Washington in 1963. Rabbi Prinz had been a rabbi in Berlin during the 1930s and could not but place the discrimination that he saw in America into the context of that which he had seen in Nazi Germany. He felt obligated to speak out about prejudice and inequality. Serving as President of the American Jewish Congress, he represented the Jewish community as one of the organizers of the 1963 March. Rabbi Prinz's words have not been quite as well remembered as those spoken by Dr. King that day, but they were quite poignant and should not be forgotten. Rabbi Prinz said:

When I was the rabbi of the Jewish community in Berlin under the Hitler regime, I learned many things. The most important thing that I learned under those tragic circumstances was that bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence. A great people which had created a great civilization had become a nation of silent onlookers. They remained silent in the face of hate, in the face of brutality and in the face of mass murder.

To use the language of blessing and curse, Rabbi Prinz might have said that they hid their faces.

Among the things we learn in our tradition is that God acts through us. When we speak of God uplifting the fallen, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked, it is we who do that. We reach out our arms and do the lifting. We provide food for the hungry. We donate clothing for those who do not have it. We do that. We pay attention. We bring blessings into their lives.

But we can also hide our faces. We can abandon those in need. We can become frustrated and hopeless and angry. We can give up. We can silently ignore with the best of them.

The question for us today is "will we?" Will we hide our faces and turn them to watch and act upon what we see? Will we help those who are alone?

Andrew Ferguson, in the last chapter of his book, *Land of Lincoln*, tells the story of a Holocaust survivor who visited Springfield, Illinois. This story was relayed by the manager

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of guest relations at the Hilton Hotel there. It seems that the man, whose name was Henri Dubin, who was quite elderly and frail at the time of his visit, was from Czechoslovakia. Evidently, he was having trouble entering his room.

Henri spoke broken English and the front desk attendant was having difficulty understanding him. So the manager came to help. That is what people in helping professions and hospitality services do, they pay attention. They help. When the manager, whose name was Frank, helped Henri into his room, Henri invited him in and showed him a letter from the mayor of Springfield.

The mayor had sent a letter to Henri thanking him for his interest in Abraham Lincoln and inviting him to Springfield as his guest. It said, "When you come here and see the home and the tomb and the Lincoln shrines as our guest, we'll give you the key to the city." The letter had been written in 1965. 40 years later, in 2005, the man was able to make the journey.

Frank said that the man suddenly stood up straight and said, he'd been in a concentration camp. Henri pulled up his sleeve several times to show the number on his arm. The man said he knew about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington when he learned about them as a child in school. And he told Frank that when he was in the concentration camp, without mentioning which one, he was all alone in his cell or perhaps feeling abandoned and afraid among others feeling the same, it was the worst time in his life and he didn't think he could go on anymore. Then, Mr. Dubin said, Abraham Lincoln came to him.

Mr. Lincoln stood right in front of him, the man told Frank, and said:

You never forget: All men are created equal. This is true for all men for all times. And these men who would do this thing to you, who put you here, they're no better than you. You are their equal, because all men are created equal. You keep remembering this, and you persevere, you'll be all right.

Henri Dubin said that from that point onward, he knew he would be. And he vowed that if he ever got out of that concentration camp, he would come to Springfield to thank Mr. Lincoln, because he was so grateful. And he'd written a poem that he needed to recite for him. He needed to go to Lincoln's Tomb to bring him flowers and to recite the poem.

Learning all of this, Frank went straight downstairs and called the mayor's office and then the visitor's bureau. Alicia from the bureau whose specialty was helping foreign tour groups reached out to Henri who was insistent that he visit the tomb that day, because he had to fly back home the next day.

Alicia responded right away. She came to the hotel and took him to the tomb in her own car. There, having looked at each of the statues and busts in the shrine, when he reached the tomb itself, Henri got down on his knees, placed the flowers there, and then stood up straight and recited his poem.

The next morning, he was taken to the airport, where he boarded a plane for his journey home.

Hope. When things are really bleak, we need hope. We need to know that others stand with us, that they will not be silent onlookers to our suffering, that we will not be abandoned and left alone. We need people not to hide their faces from us.

Being left alone is a primal fear. Our world, especially, in ancient times, was not a place in which being alone was safe, especially not as a child. While that feeling may attenuate as we grow older and stronger and become more independent, it returns at times of difficulty in our lives.

All of us would be afraid in the situation in which Henri Dobin found himself. While Mr. Dobin came to believe that the presence of Abraham Lincoln visited him to bring him hope, it is not difficult to imagine that others in similar situations might have believed that God's presence came to be with them in different forms and different ways.

In our tradition, we often refer to God as a parent, as father, or in the form of the Shechinah, the embracing presence of God, as mother. When someone dies, we offer the prayer El Malei Rachamim, which asks

that God receive the soul of our loved one into God's parental grasp.

In the Jewish tradition, we regularly remind ourselves of God's eternality in part because if God is eternal, we will always have a parent to watch over us; we will never be truly alone.

Bad things happen. How we respond demonstrates our character. In the words of Psalm 23, when we walk through our darkest valleys, we shall fear no evil, for you are with us.

At the end of the day today, as we stand before the open ark, before the presence, let us remember that whether we believe that presence to be real or symbolic, we have the ability to make our own presence felt in the lives of others.

In the coming year, if a flood should come into our lives, may we strive to live underwater, if we cannot find a way to swim or float.

And when we see that others live in fear, let us not turn our faces away or remain silent, but instead march beside them and speak out. That is what our tradition and our history teach us.

This Yom Kippur day, may we be reminded of the caring and compassionate people who have made themselves present in our lives and brought us hope, inspiration, guidance and blessings: our fathers and mothers, our friends and family members, our teachers and leaders and maybe even President Abraham Lincoln.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah!

May we all be inscribed and sealed in the book of life for a good, sweet, and healthy new year!

**Rabbi David Kaufman**



## SISTERHOOD REPORT

I want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, and fulfilling new year. As we start off our Sisterhood year, we have a couple of October activities already planned.

The Planned Parenthood book sale is taking place from October 8-12 at the Fairgrounds. Sisterhood and the Women of Reform have long been supporters of Planned Parenthood. This year, we are having a group work at the book sale Sunday, October 11 from 9-12. Several of us will then get together for lunch at a diner near the fairgrounds. If you would like to join us, contact Renee Newman at [Renee\\_Newman@earthlink.net](mailto:Renee_Newman@earthlink.net) or call her at 515-226-8418. If you can't work that shift, I would still encourage you to contact Planned Parenthood directly at 515-235-0410. Even if you can't work, we would encourage you to check out the book sale and maybe buy something. Given the recent attacks on Planned Parenthood, your support is especially important.

We are planning another event for October 24. On that Saturday we will have lunch at the Des Moines Art Center at 11:30 and then have a tour with a docent. The Sisterhood is subsidizing the lunch to bring the cost down to \$10 per person (a few dollars extra for a drink and or dessert). Come and bring your family to the lunch and tour or just join us after lunch for the tour at about 12:45. You will have no fee for the tour. RSVP to Erin at the Temple office if you plan to come. The Art Center wants us to pre-order the lunches. You can pay at the Art Center.

I hope you will come to one or both of these events. I also welcome you to join us for our monthly board meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Come, bring your ideas, and help us make the Sisterhood vibrant.

**Sally Frank, President**

# President's Comments

I was just getting ready to send my article to Erin for the October Bulletin (this Bulletin) when I received an email entitled "My Mother Passed Away Tonight." I knew it was from Rabbi Kaufman without reading any further. Rabbi had been spending much of the past few weeks with his mother at the Life Center knowing she was in her final stages of kidney failure and would be gone soon. My article for the bulletin changed in an instant.

Reading his email had me reflecting on the past 24 hours, the past week, and the past month. You see, I had attended a Shiva not 8 hours before Rabbi's email came, which was at 3:04 a.m. In fact I had attended three Shivas in the past few weeks. I had the privilege of sitting with the Rabbi and his mother at the Life Center just two days earlier. I learned about her incredible educational background, how she and Rabbi's father had met, and Rabbi shared with me welcoming memories he had as a young boy with his mom.

Ironically, the Board of Trustees held our meeting earlier in the week, always the second Tuesday of the month. It was our first meeting of my presidency and I had asked everyone to introduce themselves and share what they liked most about our Temple. Not surprisingly the majority of people mentioned how the Temple felt to them, a community, and a sense of family. Two of the members had lost loved ones within the past month and in particular mentioned how their Temple family brought such a sense of comfort at a time of such loss.

Losing a loved one is never easy. And everybody gets to do it his or her own way. What remains constant in

the Jewish faith is the need to say Kaddish and sharing Kaddish with family and friends. As Rabbi and I chatted in his mother's room his concern were the upcoming High Holy Days and his need to be with his friends, his congregation to mourn and to share Kaddish and still be our



spiritual leader should his mother die before Rosh Hashanah. I cannot speak for Rabbi Kaufmann other than to say his grief was visible and yet when he spoke about our congregation his sadness seemed less so, he seemed more comforted, more at peace.

In the weeks preceding Rabbi's mother's death we had many conversations about his need to step back as a Rabbi and be a son. To not worry about our community but to nurture and be nurtured by his own sacred community. His wife and children, his father, and his friends. The Temple has a remarkable staff who are extraordinarily capable of keeping things running smoothly. Our congregation also has an amazing cadre of talented lay leaders. We are able to take good care of our congregants including our Rabbi when he must take care of his own personal needs.

Chazak, Chazak, v'nitchazek-be strong, be strong, and may we strengthen one another....

**Judy**



## Temple Caring Committee

The Temple Caring Committee is here to do what we can for the members of Temple B'nai Jeshurun and their families. Lately, we have been sending cards and greetings for birthdays, anniversaries and life cycle events. We would like all of you to contact the office with your birthdays and anniversaries so that we can recognize them. You can email those to Erin Plank ([office@templebnaijeshurun.com](mailto:office@templebnaijeshurun.com)). We want to be an effective committee – so please help us to be that!! We are also looking for donations to the Caring Committee that would help cover our expenses for this year; anything you can do to help is very much appreciated!

**Jill Musin**

# Executive Director's Message

By the time you read this the High Holiday will have come and gone, and I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to once again make these sacred days special. It takes a tremendous amount of work to ensure that everything goes smoothly, and once again our professional staff and all of our volunteers went above and beyond. Even though everything went well this year, I was reminded that we always have to be vigilant when it comes to safety and security here at the Temple.

As you know we have begun work to renovate the lower level of our building. Once that work is completed we will have a building that is safer, more secure, and more accessible. Of course until that work is complete the lower level is quite dangerous, and we ask that you keep out of the work site. For example, work on the elevator shaft has been completed, and right now there is just a big hole where the elevator will go. We do not want to take the risk of anyone falling down that shaft, which is why we are keeping the area off limits. We are taking pictures throughout this renovation, and we hope to share those with you at a later date, but for now for your own safety we are asking that everyone stay out of the worksite.

Not only has the work begun to renovate the lower level, but we have also been working to improve the lighting around the building. Proper lighting is vital to keeping a building secure and safe at night, and there are new bulbs that provide more light and use less energy than

what we have used in the past. We are in the process of replacing the bulbs outside, repairing fixtures where needed, and adding some additional fixtures to better light the building. Hopefully you will notice that the next time you come for one of our evening programs like our upcoming Adult Education Classes.



Lastly, no matter how secure and safe our building is accidents and tragedies will happen. As you have come to Temple over these last few days you have likely seen the evidence of that. Currently there is a white bicycle on our property that serves as a memorial for the biker that tragically lost his life outside the Temple. On November 23rd the Temple will help host a memorial for the ISU athletes that lost their lives in a plane crash just outside the Temple 25 years ago. We do our best to create a safe and secure environment here at the Temple, but when accidents or tragedies do happen we do our best to respond with calm compassion, to help when we are able, and to keep those individuals affected in our thoughts and prayers.

Safety, security, and appropriate response will always be one of our highest priorities here at the Temple, and one I am happy to report we are making great progress on.

**David Muenchrath**

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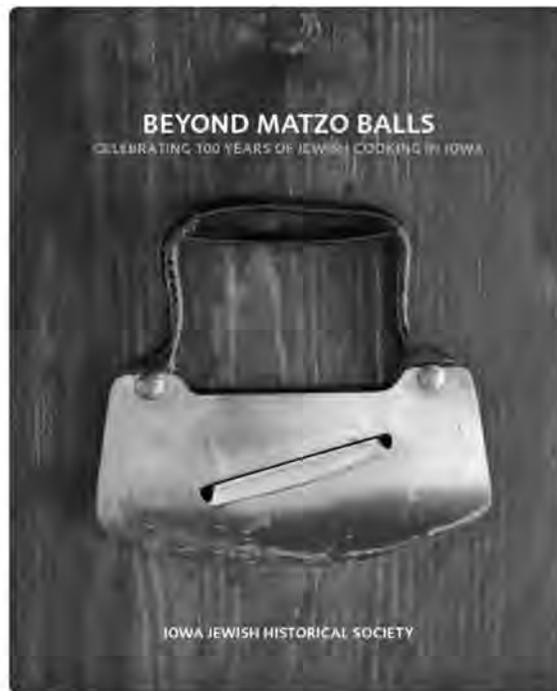
## Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike - Come Walk With Us!!!

Join the Temple and Tifereth Israel Youth Groups and the Temple Social Action Group at the 2015 DSM Hunger Hike, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. It's the New Year and a perfect opportunity to perform an act of Tikkun Olam!

The purpose of the Annual DSM Hunger Hike is to increase community consciousness and concern about local and world-wide hunger by raising money to be used by non-profit agencies and programs to help alleviate the problem of hunger. We encourage all walkers to support their walk through monetary pledges and donations, and donations of non-perishable food items to the DMARC food pantry.

If you are interested, please meet us at the east side of the Norman Borlaug Hall of Laureates (formerly the Des Moines Public Library), 100 Locust Street, at 1:30 p.m. on October 11. At 2:00 p.m., we'll walk as a group around the Principal River Walk. At 3:30, we'll go back to our starting point and party with cold drinks and snacks!

Contact Rachele Hjelmaas at [hjelmaasjoel@aol.com](mailto:hjelmaasjoel@aol.com); Sarah-Rose Ballard at [srpinkrose1@gmail.com](mailto:srpinkrose1@gmail.com); or Wendy Beckerman at [tropemaven@yahoo.com](mailto:tropemaven@yahoo.com) if you are joining us so we know to look for you!! For additional information, check out the DSM Hunger Hike website at <http://www.dsmhungerhike.org/index.html>.



**THE IOWA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS**

***Beyond Matzo Balls: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Cooking***

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**The books are \$36 each** *Beyond Matzo Balls: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Cooking in Iowa* features a collection of Kosher and Kosher-style recipes from 138 contributors who shared their favorite family recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, meat, poultry, desserts, and more. Some of the recipes are left in the words of the contributor in order to preserve its particular history while others were edited to conform to today's standards.

Cookbooks have long been viewed as works of history. The archives of the Historical Society house numerous cookbooks, recipe cards, kitchen utensils, cupboards, aprons, and even an enamelware cup manufactured at the Schindler factory, where so many Jewish lives were saved. Many of these recipes have been passed down for generations and across continents. They are a link to our family histories and survival. Claudia Roden said it best in "The Book of Jewish Food:

Dishes are important because they are a link with the past, a celebration of roots, a symbol of continuity. They are that part of immigrant culture which survives the longest, kept up even when clothing, music, language and religious observance has been abandoned.

Jews across the globe have been creative in adapting the foods of the surrounding cultures to their Jewish dietary rules (Kashrut) and then carrying these new recipes with them from country to country. We are all a part of this tradition by just cooking and eating. Sharing meals is a celebration of life.

Our hope is that you will use these recipes as a launching pad to start your own family traditions, preserving them for future generations of Iowa Jews. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be used for the preservation and education activities of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.

# Join Rabbi Kaufman on the Interfaith Mission to Israel!

Rabbi Kaufman will be leading a trip to Israel, February 14-24, 2016! The trip, arranged through ARZA World, the Reform movement's travel company, will visit the major Jewish, Christian, and archaeological sites. The trip, organized in conjunction with Christ Community Church, is an excellent opportunity to see and experience Israel from different perspectives. For more information, please visit [www.arzaworld.com/des-moines-interfaith-mission-to-israel-2016.aspx](http://www.arzaworld.com/des-moines-interfaith-mission-to-israel-2016.aspx), or contact Rabbi Kaufman at 515-274-4679 or [rabbikaufman@gmail.com](mailto:rabbikaufman@gmail.com)



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# Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3:**

Samuel H. Bloom  
Lillian Epstein  
Margot Faivush  
Joseph Fingerman  
Hans Pintus  
Ethel Miller Cohen  
Ina Weishaar  
Allan Abrams  
Irving Bernstein  
Isidore Kaplan  
Tony LeRoy Clemens  
Dr. Herman I. Frank  
Sally Klearman  
Earl Koskovich  
Gustav Nadel  
Norma Silver  
Benjamin Strasburger  
Jerry Ward

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10:**

Harry I. Robinson  
I.J. Swartzman  
Abraham Akiba Toubes  
Louis A. Corn  
Lillian Dubansky  
David Herbert Lipsey  
Julia McReynolds  
Rose Rubin  
Ida Biber  
Julian Brody  
Leo Tobis  
Frances Chayet

Edith Fortess  
Florence Hurwitz  
Norman W. Mandelbaum  
Sol Gottlieb  
Arthur L. Redstone  
Louis Solomon  
Joan Ellen Shlaes  
Lee Bayer-Shapiro  
Arthur Bergman

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17:**

Helen Barmish  
Elsie Block  
Moe Deutch  
Lenore Ehrens  
Aaron Kaplan  
Anselm Frankel  
Manassa Frankel  
Harry Elmets  
Sidney L. Sands, M.D.  
Anna R. Blank  
Robert Hightshoe  
Francis Rubenstein  
Arnold Tepper  
David Gross  
Frank B. Sanders  
Ralph E. Speer, Jr.  
Lillian S. Bloom

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24:**

Millie Blindman  
Sam "Shim" Cohen  
Marlene Daniels

Joseph Greller  
LaVonne Klein  
Louis J. Noun  
Ruth London  
Ida Bucksbaum  
Marcia Paset  
Bernhardt Rosenberg  
Lillie M. Cohen  
Dorothea Hendricks  
Mel Klearman  
Rita Sander Weinberg  
Rose Spilka  
Israel Dubansky  
Anna Goldman  
Don Mandel

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 30, and Saturday, October 31:**

Paul Bradley  
Israel Jacob Corn  
Belle G. Frankel  
Helen Lutz Robinson  
Madelyn Gottlier  
Milton Mark  
Howard A. Brody  
Jack Levine  
William A. Moskowitz  
Annis Gross  
Louis Davidson  
Sara Elmets  
Morris Mandelbaum Jr.  
Leo Benjamin Conley  
Joseph Davidson  
Harry A. Friedman  
Harry Pierce



## CANS FOR COINS

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN YOUR CANS!**

Youth Group will be collecting pop cans (cans only please) every Friday night until the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. Money collected for this very worthwhile event will be donated to the Hunger Hike on October 11, 2015. Please bring, when you attend services on every Friday night, your pop cans (cans only please). The Youth Groupers will take them back to the stores and collect the donations. Please make sure they are in a secured bag and tied strong. Thank you in advance from the Temple Youth Groupers!



## ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE FALL 2015

Introduction to Judaism students are expected to attend the Thursday evening classes and are welcome to attend the Sunday Symposia as well.

### Thursday Evening Classes

7:00-8:30 p.m. at TBJ

All are Welcome.

Oct 1: Booths to Blintzes - The Jewish Year

Oct 8: Streams and Branches -  
The Jewish Landscape

Oct 15: The Thirteen Principles - Basic Concepts  
of Traditional Judaism

Nov 12: Origins of Reform Judaism

Dec 3 Mei Chanukah? – Oil, Wars, Light  
and Darkness

### Sunday Symposia

A symposium in ancient times was a discussion about a topic of current interest among equals sharing wine, beer, and often a bit of food. We are resurrecting

the tradition! We hope you will join us for our once-a-month symposia over the course of the year beginning on October 25. Each session will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Be aware, some of the locations require that people be of legal drinking age. There is no cost to attend the classes, but food and beverage costs will be your responsibility. Our initial Fall schedule is:

Oct 25: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

“Currents in the Stream”-

Changing Dynamics of Reform Judaism

Confluence Brewery Taproom,

1235 Thomas Beck Rd, Des Moines, IA

Must Be 21 yrs Old to Attend

Nov 8 “Do we really believe that?”- Prayer Language

515 Brewery Taproom

7700 University Ave, Suite C, Clive, IA

Must Be 21 yrs Old to Attend

Dec 13 December Dilemmas

Eatery A - 2932 Ingersoll, Des Moines, IA

## *Our Deepest Sympathies*

Edward Chaseman (Brother-in-law of Elyse Weiss) • 8/21/15

Dorene Zieman (Mother of John Zieman) • 8/30/15

Howard Streit (Father-in-law of Dori Streit) • 9/4/15

Mildred Kaufman (Mother of Rabbi David Kaufman) • 9/11/15

# Youth Group Update

As I begin to write this article, I know we've all been busy lately. The High Holidays have been in full swing, and with them come all the preparations, services, and busy days and nights. There's no exception when it comes to our DMTYG schedule!

Rosh Hashanah was our first big event, since the kick off, as we had our TYG Aliyah, and our TYG Board had the honor of sitting on the bimah! As our holiday celebrations continued, we decorated the Temple sukkah, which was a whole lot of fun! Plus, of course, there was a good amount of food!

After the High Holidays and Sukkot, our next big event will be the TYG participation in the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike! As the Yiddish proverb says, "If charity cost nothing, the world would be full of philanthropists." Our Cans For Coins program is still ongoing, and we will continue to keep the coins rolling! That's why it's so important that we continue to collect empty soda cans which can be dropped off at the Temple office. If you have some empty soda cans around, we'll be happy to take them! We'll be doing the Hunger Hike with our friends from Tifereth as well. Let's make sure we do our best and continue our outstanding participation with the Hunger Hike!

While I'm talking about fundraising, our TYG is also going to be helping out at an exciting new event, (drumroll please), Simchat Bingo! We will be selling the bingo cards for each game, assisting the Bingo caller, and helping set up! Keep an eye out for more emails concerning volunteer opportunities!

Another exciting event is the Rick Recht concert. Having seen him in concert before, I can tell you, he's good at what he does! This is a great event for families and music lovers, and it'll be a great time for our Youth Groupers.



Youth Group Kickoff BBQ

Now I want to explain a little bit about what I learned at the NFTY Leadership Training Institute in Kansas City. I spent the weekend working with other TYG Presidents from across Missouri Valley (our region) and our MV President, Rebecca Bloom. I've brought home some exciting ideas I gained while I was there, and we've got some new programming in the works for later this year. Keep your eyes open, because DMTYG is just going to keep getting better!

**Michael Adato**  
**DMTYG President**  
[adatoisepic@gmail.com](mailto:adatoisepic@gmail.com)

#### **Current Board:**

Religious and Cultural VP: Andy Kaufmann  
Membership/Publicity VP: Ethan Adato  
Programming VP: Hanna Kaufman and Josh Sobel  
Social Action VP: Sarah-Rose Ballard  
JYG Representative: Ellie Kaufman

#### **Mark your calendars!**

Hunger Hike- October 11th  
Rick Recht Concert- October 28th



## Happy Birthday!

Kathy Moretz - October 6  
Elizabeth Chayet - October 30



# SIMCHAT BINGO!

**SAT., OCTOBER. 31, 7 - 9 P.M.  
TEMPLE SOCIAL HALL**

Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, games and prizes! This is the first of many fun fundraisers for our Temple funds.

- Dress in Halloween garb or as the crazy bingo lady
- Bring your lucky rabbit foot or lucky troll
- Bring a snack to share and your spirits. (Coffee and Lemonade will be provided)

**About The Games:**

- Bingo cards can be purchased for each game: 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5
- **Winners will receive 20% of the pot, 80% will go to a Temple Fund.**
- Final game of the night will be a blackout game. Winner and Temple split the proceeds 50/50

# We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN ACTION



The Temple's Social Action Committee organized community volunteers to package food in support of the 8th Annual Hunger Fight sponsored by Meals from the Heartland on Wednesday, August 26, at Hy-Vee Hall. Thanks to Susan Seidenfeld, Ben Hjelmaas, Rachele Hjelmaas, Judy Shkolnick, Randi Schwartz Carr, Gloria Rovner, Susan Hoffman, Jill Schwartz Musin, and Gail Pearl for stepping up and volunteering and doing a wonderful job!!

Meals from the Heartland is a non-profit organization with a goal of bringing diverse communities including religious communities together in an effort to provide food to the hungry around the world. Meals from the Heartland food packages contain rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, vitamins, and minerals. Food packages are distributed to people in Iowa, the United States, and around the entire world.

*Rachele Hjelmaas, Social Action Committee*

*Rosh Hashanah ✓ Yom Kippur ✓  
 Sukkot ✓ Simchat Torah ✓*

**We're looking forward to celebrating *Hannukah!***

# B'NAI MITZVOT



**Jack Andrew Allison** is called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, at 4:30 p.m., at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Jack, his parents, JILL SUDAK-ALLISON and MICHAEL ALLISON, as well as his grandmother, JAN SUDAK, wish to invite the community to join us for this special occasion. Dinner and party immediately to follow at the Temple ending at 9:45 p.m.



**Isabella Leigh Nadel**, the daughter of JOELLEN and STEVE NADEL will be marking her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 7. The family wishes to extend a cordial invitation to the Jewish community to join them in a celebration of this milestone in Isabella's life. Shabbat morning services led by Isabella will begin at 10 a.m. and a celebratory luncheon will follow.

## Thanks ....

**Dear Rabbi Kaufman,**

Just a note of thanks for your congregation in their "welcoming of a stranger." Our family lives in the Atlanta metro area and we are a part of the Temple Beth Tikvah Congregation. My husband, Mark, lives and works in Des Moines Monday through Thursday, and coming home to Atlanta for Yom Kippur would have been difficult, so our 10-year-old son and I came to him. We attended Kol Nidre and the family service on Yom Kippur. Thank you for a beautiful experience and providing our Jewish home this week.

**Regards,**

**Michelle Easton-Williams**

**Dear Temple members,**

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and prayers during this very difficult time.

**Respectfully,**

**Janet Epstein**

# Social Action VOLUNTEER Opportunity

Calling all volunteers!

The Temple's Social Action Committee needs 10 volunteers on Sunday, November 15, from approximately 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to help prepare a meal at the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House (1441 Pleasant Street in Des Moines) and to serve the meal to families staying at the house (meal for 25 people).

The Ronald McDonald House is that "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their seriously ill or injured child staying at a local area hospital. The Ronald McDonald Meal Program recruits volunteers to provide nightly meals for families, allowing families to focus all of their time and energy on the health of their child.

Contact Rachele Hjelmaas at 515-419-5388 or [hjelmaasjoel@aol.com](mailto:hjelmaasjoel@aol.com) by November 1 if you would like to volunteer.

## MAZEL TOV!

To new parents,  
**Shayna & Dan Fisher,**  
and new grandparents,  
**Bill Grund & Lyanna Lindgren.**

They welcomed baby  
Evie Lynn Fisher  
on September 18, 2015.



**On April 3, 2016, Temple B'nai Jeshurun will host an auction to raise funds for our beloved Temple.** Please look through your home for items you would consider donating for this event. We would also welcome donations of services, event tickets and other items of value. For more information, contact Suse Cohen at 641-203-5399 or [susecohen@gmail.com](mailto:susecohen@gmail.com).

**Bring us your jewelry, artwork, furniture, vacation packages, restaurant coupons and other merchandise yearning to be auctioned for a good cause — your Temple!**



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