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Rabbi's Message

Rosh Hashanah Morning 2016 - Why I am a Jew

Every four years, our nation elects a President. Most years, the choice that we make between candidates is mostly, or even wholly, focused on policy differences. Too conservative, too liberal. Too focused on business. Too focused on social policies. Too hawkish, too dovish. Perhaps, we find a candidate that is "just right." Mah nishtanah? Why is this election different from all other elections?

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 4

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

NOVEMBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

NOVEMBER 11

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

NOVEMBER 12

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

NOVEMBER 13

- 1:00 p.m. Rabbi's Teen Talk - Election Results Discussion [Impact on Jewish Issues/Israel]

NOVEMBER 18

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
- 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night

NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

NOVEMBER 20

- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group Event
- 3:30 p.m. Rabbi's Symposium

NOVEMBER 25 • Temple Office Closed

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

NOVEMBER 26

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

DECEMBER 2

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

DECEMBER 3

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

DECEMBER 4

- 1:00 p.m. Rabbi's Teen Talk - Imam Nijaz Valjevci

DECEMBER 9

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

DECEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

DECEMBER 11

- 12:30 p.m. Hanukkah Happening

DECEMBER 16

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
- 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night

DECEMBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

DECEMBER 23

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

DECEMBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study
- 5:00 p.m. Temple Chinese Dinner

DECEMBER 30

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

DECEMBER 31

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 10:35 a.m. Rabbi's Torah Study

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In some ways, it is not. The election of the President of the United States is a big deal. The results will have a profound impact on the future of our nation and in many ways on our world. We could find ourselves with a female President for the first time in our nation's history. Or we could find ourselves with the first President who has never before held public office. Much of the discussion about the upcoming election has focused on character. Many people are more afraid of what will happen if the candidate whom they do not support in this election wins than they are hopeful about what positive changes that the candidate whom they do support might bring.

There is a joke, "I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. Now, it's Election night." For many, this year it isn't much of a joke.

There has been more than a little discussion among rabbis about if and how to talk about the many significant issues surrounding this election cycle. No, we cannot publicly support a candidate or party. We cannot make ourselves into a living SuperPAC commercial, providing a one-sided case. Neither can we, advocates for betterment of our world, remain silent and stand idly by. So what are we to do? We must talk about what we believe. I am going to do just that this morning in the context of "What it means to be a Jew and why I am a Jew."

In 1927, Edmond Fleg, a French Jewish writer, wrote a letter to his future grandson which he entitled, "Why I am a Jew":

People ask me why I am a Jew. It is to you that I want to answer, little unborn grandson. When will you be old enough to listen to me?... When will you be born? Perhaps in ten years' time, perhaps in fifteen. When will you read what I am writing? In 1950 or thereabouts? In 1960? Will anybody be reading in 1960? What will the world look like then? Will the machine have killed the soul? Will the mind have created for itself a new universe? Will the problems that trouble me today mean anything to you? Will there still be Jews?

Yes, he concludes. Yes, there will be Jews. Israel will live on, because being a Jew is meaningful. He goes on to list reasons which those choosing to become Jewish

in our congregation recite at their conversion ceremonies and a version of which is part of the pledge taken by our Board members at their installation:

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of the mind.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel requires all the devotion of my heart.

I am a Jew because every place where there is suffering, the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard, the Jew hopes.

I am a Jew because the message of Israel is the oldest and the newest.

I am a Jew because Israel's promise is a universal promise.

I am a Jew because for Israel the world is not finished; we must yet complete it.

I am a Jew because Israel places us and the unity of humankind above nations and above Israel itself.

I am a Jew because above human beings, the image of the divine unity, Israel places the unity which is divine.

This statement still resonates with us nine decades later. But I would add more.

We Jews know that human beings can and too often do act cruelly and inhumanely toward one another. Our tradition tells us that when we find ourselves among those not acting humanely, our job is to be a mensch, to be a human being. As Hillel taught, "Bamakom sh'ein anashim, hishtadeil li-hiyot ish." "In a place where there are no human beings, strive to be a person."

It is said that Jews originated the idea of the Messianic figure, a single individual or in some texts a small group of human beings, who would bring about changes that set things according to the intended divine plan. In ancient times, the messiah was a kingly figure, a descendant of King David, or a priestly figure, descended from Zadok, the High Priest during the time of King David. It was hoped that this king and this High Priest would be able

to restore the world as God intended it to be. To an extent, Jews are responsible for the idea that the world can be fixed. This concept, with a few modifications in theology along the way, developed into the idea of Tikkun Olam, the concept that we Jews can repair God's creation through our actions and bring nearer the perfection that God intended.

Yet, while pursuing perfection is part of our DNA, appreciating imperfection is more challenging for us.

Shimon Peres, for whom we are in mourning this week, once said that: The Jews greatest contribution to history is dissatisfaction. We're a nation born to be discontented. Whatever exists, we believe can be changed for the better.

And in line with this quote, we see ourselves in the joke about the mother who buys her son two shirts. When he shows up at dinner wearing one, she says, 'What's the matter? You didn't like the other one?' and we see it in the statement by the waiter to the group of picky Jewish diners, "Is anything alright?"

We have difficulty accepting that things cannot be better than they are.

Speaking of food, we are the people who not only may complain about the quality of the food we eat, but even when the food is fantastic, we question how it was prepared, where it was before it was prepared, and how it was acquired in the first place. That is who we are. It's our nature.

Caring for those who are ill is a big deal for us. We see ourselves right there in Henny Youngman's one liner, "A Jewish woman had two chickens. One got sick, so the woman made chicken soup out of the other one to help the sick one get well."

We are interfaith friendly. As the Jewish reggae star Matisyahu noted, "The real reason Jews don't have more Hanukkah music is that, historically, American Jewish singer-songwriters were too busy making Christmas music. 'White Christmas,' 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' 'Silver Bells' and 'The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)' were all written by Jews."

Stereotypes don't work for us. We don't accept that we or others should fit into roles. So Jews can write Christmas songs. Ralph Lauren has said, "People ask how can a Jewish kid from the Bronx do preppy

clothes? Does it have to do with class and money?" His response, "It has to do with dreams."

And we are the people of Hillel's dictum, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me." We are Moses Seixas, a Jewish congregational president in Newport, Rhode Island, who wrote a letter to the first President of the United States, George Washington, checking to see if the new nation's leadership would indeed "give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." And we expect that our government will live up to that ideal to this very day.

We are the people who take the time at the Passover Seder to mourn the deaths of those who tried to kill us, but were killed by God in the attempt, because we are all God's children.

And every year, during that same meal, we take time to remember that we, ourselves, were slaves, oppressed in Egypt, and that we all were strangers in another's land. The immigrant's story didn't begin to resonate with us when we came into this country in the last century or two, it has been part of our narrative throughout our people's existence.

We are diverse. We are people like Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, the rabbi of Central Synagogue in New York City, one of America's largest and most prominent congregations, whose father is an American Jew and whose mother is a Korean Buddhist.

We see ourselves in the stories of the refuseniks and of Natan Sharansky specifically, who, for the book commemorating the life of Daniel Pearl, *I am Jewish*, shared this story:

I was one of the millions of new human beings in the Bolshevik experiment, which was successful far beyond its maker's expectations. Section five in my identity papers informed me that I was a Jew, but I hadn't a clue as to what that meant. I knew nothing of Jewish history, language, or customs, nor had I even heard of their existence...Like all Soviet Jews of my generation, I grew up rootless, unconnected, without identity...

It was through the [Six Day] war that I became aware of the Jewish state, and of the language and culture that it embodied. I was suddenly exposed to the existence of the Jewish people, to the existence of tradition and culture. I was no longer a disconnected individual in an

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alienating and hostile world. I was a person with identity and roots.

Identity and a sense of belonging give life strength and meaning. A person who has his Jewish identity is not enslaved. He is free even if they throw him in prison, even if they torture him.

We believe that the measure of our lives is not in our wealth or power, morals and ethics matter. Right conduct matters. Justice matters. In the words of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who in his response about why he is a Jew stated:

I am a Jew because our ancestors were the first to see that the world is driven by a moral purpose...The Judaic tradition shaped the moral civilization of the West, teaching for the first time that human life is sacred, that the individual may never be sacrificed for the mass, and that rich and poor, great and small, are all equal before God.

I am a Jew because, our nation, though at times it suffered the deepest poverty, never gave up on its commitment to helping the poor, or rescuing Jews from other lands, or fighting for justice for the oppressed, and did so without self-congratulation, because it was a mitzvah, because a Jew could do no less.

We are the Jews like Kerry Strug, Olympic Gymnastics Gold Medalist, who people might not think are Jewish, but are. She said: I have heard the same question over and over since I received my gold medal in gymnastics on the Olympic podium. "You're Jewish?" people ask in a surprised tone. Perhaps it is my appearance or the stereotype that Jews and sports don't mix that makes my Jewish heritage so unexpected. I think about the attributes that helped me reach that podium: perseverance when faced with pain, years of patience and hope in an uncertain future, and a belief and devotion to something greater than myself. It makes it hard for me to believe that I did not look Jewish up there on the podium. In my mind, those are the attributes that have defined Jews throughout history.

And when we go to vote on election day, whether we remember the story from the Talmud, tractate Ta'anit or not, it's essence will be part of our deliberation: *One day, a man walking down the road came upon Honi the*

Circle Drawer (known for performing miracles) as he was planting a carob tree. The man asked, puzzled, "How long will it be before this tree will bear fruit?" [Perhaps, he thought that Honi would perform a miracle]. "70 years," replied Honi. The man asked incredulously, "And do you believe that you will be alive in another 70 years?" Honi responded, "When I came into this world, there were carob trees with fruit ripe for picking. Just as my ancestors planted for me, so I will plant for my descendants!"

We will consider the kind of world that we hope to leave for those who come after us.

I am a Jew because of all of these things and more: Because we believe in "Mishpat Tsedek," "Righteous Justice," and are commanded in the Torah to stress righteousness in our deliberation, "Tsedek, Tsedek Tirdof," "Righteousness, Righteousness you shall pursue!"

Because we believe that no matter how we look, whom we love, how or if we pray, what language we speak... we were all created, B'tselem Elohim, in the image of the divine and that the righteous of all peoples will merit the best of the afterlife; whatever afterlife there may be.

Because in a world filled with darkness, where one need not look too far or too hard to face inhumanity and despair, not only do we shed a tear, not only do we hope, we bring light.. We can be, in the words of Isaiah, "a light unto the nations" and at our best a source of blessing for humanity, as we find in Genesis 12:3 in the blessing of Abraham, "All peoples of the earth will be blessed through you." Through us!

Because no few of our holidays have the theme, "They tried to kill us! We survived! Let's eat!" and, as many of you know, I like good food!

Because reading the story of the Akeidah, the Binding of Isaac, as we did this morning, we can see ourselves

- As Abraham, following expectations and feeling tested,
- As Isaac, affected by things out of our control and deciding whether or not to go along, or
- As Sarah, whose entire side of the narrative, complete with extreme emotions, we must create,

- But we cannot see ourselves in the place of the young men who, though concerned, watched Abraham and Isaac ascend the mountain, but did nothing.
- We would not stand idly by.

I am a Jew: Because though we may at times struggle to see how we can make a difference; we might wonder how our one vote might matter, our tradition tells us in the words of Rabbi Tarfon, “Lo aleikha hamlakhah ligmor, v’lo atah ben chorin l’hitbateil mimenah.” “It is not up to you to complete the work, but neither may you desist from it.”

Because some of us marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and some of us went into Mississippi to help poor black women and men who had been kept away from the polling booths, register to vote, knowing that there was a threat of violence. And two of us, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, died in the effort, alongside James Chaney, because we Jews understand that if no one speaks up, if no one stands up, No change will come.

Because in the darkest of places and at the darkest of times, Jews made it through. In the words of Viktor Frankl, a survivor of Theresienstadt and Auschwitz, “Everything can be taken from [us] but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

Because we are a people that believes the words of Theodore Hertzl, “Im tirzu, ein zo aggadah,” “If you will it, it is no dream,” because we have seen “HaTikvah al

shnot alpayim,” “The two thousand year hope,” become true, our people returned to its ancestral land and a Jewish nation reborn and thrive.

Because confronted time and time again with opportunities to join the majority, to bring an end to difficulty, oppression, and great suffering, we have remained true to our beliefs.

Before Kings and Priests, before soldiers with swords or guns and mobs with torches, who all wanted us to say something else, believe something else, or simply to vanish from the face of the earth, we bravely uttered, “Shema Yisrael, Adonai eloheinu, Adonai echad!”

Or in the last words of Daniel Pearl, “I am Jewish.”

I cannot tell you how all of this will affect my votes. Not because I do not know, but because I will not advocate for candidates or parties from this pulpit. But I can tell you that it will affect them.

Perhaps, what I have said will affect your votes too, but regardless, I hope that you will be true to yourselves, to vote the principles for which you stand.

May our choices, whatever they may be, bring to us and our nation blessings and not curses. May we choose life, that we and our descendants may live a life of peace and blessing on this land.

Shanah Tovah u’metukah! Have a Happy and Sweet New Year!

Rabbi David Kaufman



Rabbi's Office Hours

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Thursdays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Please call before you come to make sure that the rabbi isn't currently meeting with another congregant.

SPREAD THE WARMTH THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

We’ve had a tremendous response for volunteers to help prepare and serve the Christmas Day Meal at Central Iowa Services and Shelter on Sunday, December 25! To make the holidays a little more special for Shelter clients, we are asking our Temple community to donate winter socks, hats, and gloves (adult, unisex) to give to Shelter clients on Christmas Day. Please bring your donations to the Temple’s main office no later than December 20. Contact Rachele Hjelmaas, Social Action, at rhjelmaas@gmail.com or 515-419-5388.

President's Comments (Rosh Hashanah Morning 2016)

Imagine if you can, a group of people...Reform Jews in Des Moines...90 years or so ago, sitting around a table, at the Temple on 8th Street, realizing the time had come to build a new building, further West, to accommodate a growing congregation that had begun to move to the western part of Des Moines. Names such as Mandelbaum, Wittenstein, Goldman, Cohen, Friedman, Weinstock, and so many more...names that are familiar to all of us today. Names that today are still part of a forward-thinking group of congregants who care about the future of this Temple. Families that are founding members of this congregation, still active today, committed members of our Temple.

Can we even begin to understand their thought process and the time and the ideas they must have had to give us this magnificent sanctuary, this historic building on what is now a premier piece of real estate in Des Moines? They probably questioned if this land would be too far West, not far enough West, too big, too small, too expensive.... to preserve a future for generations to come.

Imagine what THEIR surprise would be today in learning that the community of Des Moines is having a renaissance of sorts.... redeveloping downtown, the influx of people moving back into the city with its newfound vibrant lifestyle full of restaurants, cultural activities, art displays and housing boom. In fact, one of our young members, Justin Mandelbaum, a member of one of the original families, is among the developers with his own new high rise to be built downtown. Would these members have been so willing to build this Temple on 51st and Grand knowing — almost 100 years later — folks would be moving much closer to our original location? We can only speculate.

What we know for sure today is that our Temple is situated on a prime piece of real estate, in one of the best cities for young people to live and grow. What I know for sure is friends from all over the country reach out to me on social media to ask me what is going on in Des Moines, Iowa. What I know for sure, and feel so proud of, is our Temple is fast becoming what many believe one of THE Jewish destinations for people moving to Des Moines because of the welcoming and inclusive nature of our programming, our clergy, and most importantly our members.

We have had nine babies born to our congregants this past year, with more on the way. Rabbi has performed seven weddings. We sent 11 of our children to GUCI this summer

with most planning on returning next summer, along with their siblings. Jewish camps, as Rabbi mentioned last night, are one of the greatest predictors of future Jewish leadership. This is something we can all be proud of and can only hope we continue to send more and more campers to Jewish camps and to Israel. I want to thank Suse Daniels Cohen and Daryl Anderson for coordinating an auction at the Temple just last week, with all of the proceeds going to camp scholarships.



We have all of these wonderful activities and life cycle events happening here at 5101 Grand Avenue. And because of this it is my belief, as well as the Board's goal, that we should finish the upstairs bathrooms and hallway for our members in the coming year. This would allow parents a place to take restless babies and toddlers. We should finish the upstairs for brides and grooms to use to get ready for their special day; a place for mourners to gather before funerals. I believe we should finish our upstairs for our older congregants and our disabled congregants and guests, who now have the ability to enter our Temple and Sanctuary with the addition of the elevator but must wander back downstairs to use a bathroom that is accessible.

I know that people are tapped out. Congregants are tired of always being asked to spend money on bricks and mortar. When is enough enough? I can honestly say, as President, I don't like to ask for money. But I believe we have unfinished business. And I can only wonder if the congregants 90 years ago felt they, too, were tired of being asked to give money. What if the decision was never made to move to this building that we sit in this morning? What if their generous spirit never made it to the greater group of congregants and if those congregants didn't think it was their responsibility to plan for the future? How lucky we are that the generations before us cared about the future, about our future. In talking with our design folks we should be able to finish the bathrooms and hallway for around \$250,000. I ask all of us to ask ourselves should we make finishing the upstairs a reality for future generations?

***B'Shalom,
Judy Shkolnick***

Executive Director's Message

I hope that everyone is having a happy and healthy new year. It was great to see so many of you during our High Holiday services this year. Attendance was amazing and was higher than it was last year.

Hopefully while you were here you had a chance to tour our recently renovated lower level. We are finally hanging artwork and putting books on shelves, which are making this space feel more like home.

I want to thank everyone who has helped and is helping us continue to move into the lower level. I know that it is the dedication of our congregants and staff that made our High Holidays a success this year and has made so many improvements to our facility possible.

Speaking of dedication, I want to thank Suse Cohen and Daryl Anderson for spearheading our first Temple Auction and Rabbi Kaufman for running in the

Des Moines Marathon. Both of these events were used to raise money to send our younger congregants to camp and Israel, and we were able to raise over \$6,000 for our camp fund.

Lastly, while you were here you might have noticed that we need to wish our Office Manager Erin Plank and her husband Josh Mazel Tov. They are expecting their second child in March. Speaking for our office staff I know that we are excited for Erin and Josh, and can't wait to meet their little girl. Again I hope that they and all of you have a happy and healthy new year.



*Shalom,
David Muenchrath*

Sisterhood News

Turn, Turn, Turn.

As we repent and turn with the New Year, we look forward with hope at our new chance to try to be and do better; to hasten the approach of our world in perfect harmony with Adonai's will. Unlike the secular new year (Jan. 1), where our resolutions are ours alone to try to accomplish – the High Holy Days are a time where we have but to turn, and all of Adonai's Goodness and Support will help us to be that better person in whatever endeavor we attempt.

Sisterhood would like to be with you to share and help, whether it's enjoying each other's company playing a game after services; or stimulating conversation as we take part in a Book Club discussion; planning and participating in a special event; OR something yet undiscovered or tried. Become a part of our planning and make Sisterhood an important part of your Journey this year. Help us plan, play, discuss, and volunteer! We meet the first Tuesday evening of the month.

Remember to visit the Temple Gift Shop for all of your holiday and special occasion needs – Hanukkah is coming! The Shop opens in early November and this

will feature new items: dreidels, wrapping paper, juggling balls, Hanukkiot, and gelt, among many other items. [This is the Sisterhood's only steady source of funds to do our good work].

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Game Night – third Shabbat after services (light supper provided)

Breakfast Club [NEW]: First meeting November 2, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Windsor Heights HyVee. Come and get in on the ground floor! Can't make it that day? Let us know so we can keep track of those interested in this type of group.

Book Club – next meeting: November 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Discussion of Yiddish Policeman's Union led by Ryba Epstein.

Hanukkah Happening – December 11, 2016 at 12:30 PM after Beit Sefer Shalom School (need volunteers).

Wendy, Jody & Nancy, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Temple B'nai Jeshurun
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Hanukkah Happening

Sunday, December 11
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Latkes, Hot Dogs, Apple Sauce, Salad

Cookie Decorating

Games and Prizes

run by our own Temple Youth Group

Gift Shop

Music and Entertainment - featuring JBrick*!

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Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and
Youth Group

Youth Group Update

DMTYG has been very busy recently with the Hunger Hike, the High Holidays, and the NFTY Fall Kallah. The Hunger Hike was very successful this year with 17 attendees and \$1200 raised so far! We are still accepting cans and donations, which can be sent to the Temple in support of the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. The Missouri Valley and Ohio Valley NFTY regions came together for Fall Kallah at GUCI this year and DMTYG had a record attendance with 9 youth groupers. A special thank you to Josh Dubansky and Andy Marcus for helping out with the event as Youth Group Advisor and Driver. The theme of the weekend was "Keeping the tent open," as Sukkot had just begun. We discussed keeping our mind open and how to help others as well.

Upcoming, we have our very successful annual youth group lock in at the temple on November 19 (Pictures to follow). December 10 is our set-up for Hanukkah Happening from 6 to 8 p.m. On December 11 will be Hanukkah Happening where youth groupers will help with games and crafts beginning at 12:30. A Hanukkah party is on December 18 and a Christmas Eve Chinese dinner is also on the schedule.

Hanna Kaufman
DMTYG Co-President

Thank you

Dear Temple B'nai Jeshurun,

Thank you for giving me the chance to go to GUCI. I had the time of my life there, and I wouldn't have been able to go without you. I particularly enjoyed the cabin bonding, high ropes course, and the campfires. I also learned some prayers. This was the best experience of my life, and I'm already signed up for next year. Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity.

Ian Wilke-Shapiro

Dear Temple B'nai Jeshurun,

We just wanted to say thank you so much. We were traveling and unable to return home for Rosh Hashanah. We appreciated you being willing to be our home away from home for the holiday. The service was wonderful and everyone was so welcoming.

Mike & Sara Wisdom

To the people at Temple B'nai Jeshurun,

I am a Grandview student who had the opportunity of visiting your Temple last week. I want to thank you for your warm hospitality and for taking the time to talk and teach. I truly appreciate your kindness! I enjoyed my visit tremendously! The music was beautiful and the service was meaningful.

Darlene Wagler

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's High Holiday services!!!



Thomas Press & Donna Paulsen
November 2

Jeffrey & Elena Greenberg
November 7

Nancy & Richard Chavannes
November 8

Jacob Shkolnick & Holly D'Anna
November 14

Stuart Oxer & Wendi Harris
December 11

Herb & Katherine Eckhouse
December 17

Leonid & Irina Levin
December 22

William Jacobs & Gail Klearman
December 23

Jerry & Gloria Leventhal
December 25

Alan & Anne Scherer
December 25

Adam & Rachel Andrews
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Robert & Elaine Elsner
December 28

Brian & Evelyn Feingold
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Sharon & Dennis Goldford
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Kathleen Trinder • 11/4/16
Geoffrey Abelson • 11/7/16
Melissa Cline • 11/7/16
Deana Lerner • 11/7/16
Amanda Levin • 11/7/16
Ryan Mann • 11/7/16
Caroline Levine • 11/8/16
Timothy Guy • 11/9/16
Carrie Remer • 11/9/16
Colin Whittie • 11/9/16
Nancy Chavannes • 11/11/16
Cindy Levy • 11/12/16
George Sparks • 11/12/16
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Louis Balentine • 11/14/16
Lynn Kuba • 11/14/16
Margaret Weiner • 11/14/16
Dennis Goldford • 11/15/16
Edith Steinberg • 11/15/16
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Brandon Choos • 11/18/16
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Louis Fingerman • 11/21/16

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Wendy Wall • 11/25/16
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Randi Stern • 11/27/16
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Karen Rubin • 12/2/16
Michael Davis • 12/3/16
Rodney Shkolnick • 12/3/16
Kathryn Holden • 12/4/16
Anne Scherer • 12/4/16
Rose Toubes • 12/4/16
Rachele Hjelmaas • 12/5/16
William Friedman Jr. • 12/6/16

Sidney Hoffman • 12/6/16
Alexis Manassa • 12/6/16
Joshua Masters • 12/6/16
Suzanne Pomerantz • 12/6/16
Lorrie Jagiello • 12/7/16
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Abe Goldstien • 12/28/16
Lorel Jeffries • 12/28/16
Katherine Meeker
Mandelbaum • 12/28/16
Kaiti Muelhaupt • 12/30/16

Adult Education News

Join us for a three session adult education program – “The Words of the Fathers” – led by Rabbi Kaufman. Examine and discuss selections from Mishnah Pirkei Avot which contains advice and counsel from Hillel, Tarfon, and other rabbis from the Mishnaic age. Many of these ancient pieces of advice are very much relevant to our lives today. The class will meet Thursday nights, November 3, 10, and 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Temple in the Loeb Conference Room.



THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS & BIDS TO BENEFIT OUR CAMP FUND



Photos from our first Temple auction held September 25, 2016.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Harlan Dubansky (Uncle of Diane Pratt) • 9/15/16

Armand Gonzalez (Nephew of Louis & Lois Fingerman) • 9/25/16

Ronald Feldstein (Father of Stuart Feldstein) • 10/6/16

Lois Copple (Mother of Clayton, Kenton and Vincent Copple) • 10/11/16

Joseph Starr (Father of Tara Starr) • 10/12/16

Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will
be read on Friday, November 4,
and Saturday, November 5:**

Leo Benjamin Conley
Harry Pierce
Robert M. Eckhouse
Louis London
Helen Ellis
Albert Silverman
Martha Glayston
Fritz Jacoby
Arnold R. Nides
Seymour Shlaes
Irl Brossman
David Gross
Donald Lipman
Sylvain M. Block
Lena F. Brody
Katherine J. Cunningham
Edward Robinson
Pauline Solomon
Peter Joseph Spoden

**The following names will
be read on Friday, November 11,
and Saturday, November 12:**

Leo Lorber
Naomi Miller
Libby Druker
Eleanor M. Friedman
Arnold M. Goldman
Madelyn Levitt
Ida Kiv
Donald Masters
Rhoda Neufeld
Brady Pratt
A. Joseph Schwied
Celia Weinstock
Valerie Brown
Percy Corran
Bernard Mercer
Moritz Riegelman
Doloris Rosenberg
Maurice Eckstat
Abraham Winachor
Reecie Levin-Becker
Marvin Cohen
Claude Gruen
Robert Powell
Benjamin Stern

**The following names will
be read on Friday, November 18,
and Saturday, November 19:**

Natalie Harvey
Morris Joseph
Simon Kahn
Becky Cook
Jacob S. Grossman
Hilda Pearlman
Raymond Rosenberg
Harry Brody
Arnold M. Gordon
Joseph I. Weiner
Martin Cotlar
Oscar Fischer
Annis Gross
Yale Kramer
Irving Shanbrom
Lillian Barsky
Louis Canar
Orville "Gene" Heck
Joseph Davidson
Harry A. Friedman
Dora Kelner
Al Lerner
Edith Robinson

**The following names will
be read on Friday, November 25,
and Saturday, November 26:**

Cornelia Madelon Ball
Louis Bucksbaum
Frances W. Cohen
Phyllis Fingerman
Martha Kipnis
Sidney Mandelbaum
Isabel Baron Davis
Jack Freedman
Barbara M. Kolmen
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Agnes Alcorn
Abraham L. Seidler
Donald R. Silverman
Matthew Bucksbaum
Julius Epstein
Harold Goldman
Herman Krause
Harry Miller
Ross Daniels

Pearl A. Jacobs
Shirley Yentis

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

Fritz Herzog
Stanton Coleman
A. Arthur Davis
Edward Masters
Marjorie Zerlin
Steven Frederick
Mabel Pomerantz
Katherine Osherow
Sam Abramson
Esther Josephson
Isidor Karp
Serna Lerner
Stella Hiller
Sutton Loy Reese
Marjorie Sheuerman Kahn
Lillian Margolin
Elizar Pinchas Musin
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Henry Schein
Harriet G. Zagel
Sophia Moohr Adler
Harry Cohen
Morris O. Kahn
Manassa A. Sheuerman
Louis Wolf
Deena Davidson Friedman
Max M. Friedman
Lester G. Gitchell
Mary Kay Schuler
Jonathan D. Cohen
Dr. Solomon Greenhill
Jerry Karbeling
Bill Z. Luftman
Harry Hoffman
Allen Katz
Fred Lorber
Julius Samish
Henry Corn
Bernard Kohn
Chaim Ziffren

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

Edward I. Frankel
Anne Glauberg
Lillie Harris
Martin "Marty" Robinson
Jan Sudak
Sydney Tabach
Leonard Goldenson
Ines Klein
Max B. Loeb
Alex Pomerantz
Surella Corran
Shire Kipnis
Isadore S. Lipsey
Bernard Pearlman
Sylvia Bergman
Nancy Caplan
Lucille Druker
Viola Leventhal
George Morgenstern
Lucille Robinson
Etya Rosenblum
Arienne Shrago
Sidney Myer Zeff
Elaine Davidson
Joan Ginsberg
Bess Haase
Sara Werblowsky
Bernard Cowen
John Lewis Jacobs

Patricia Stuart
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein

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

Paul From
Robert Gitchell
Betty Jacobson
Dorothy J. Kikoler
Elmer Cohen
Claire B. Frank
George Jagiello
Rebecca Robinson
Paula Katzmann
James B. Oppenheimer
Theresa Taylor
Margit Wilson
Esther Frank
Jason Boyd Smith
William Toran
Besse Gottstein
Estelle W. Mandelbaum
Max Rosenberg
Arlene Scheir
Sidney Smuleson
Jeffrey Morey Krum
Susan M. Wayne

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

Janet Gellman Bailin
Meyer Brody
Stanley Hiersteiner
Ann Kneeter
Benjamin Shedle
Steven N. Blank
Minnie G. Gordon
Heymen B. Kahn
Jacob H. Ladin
Shifra Robin
Elaine Robinson
Myron Rosenberg
Philip Rubin
Lillian Smith
Stefany Weinberger
Paula Weiss
Mandel Feingold
Janet Grossman
Aubrey Perrin
Rose Goldenson Stein
Rose Wieder
Marian Bradlin-Stern
Virginia Pratt
Kenneth Robert Butler
Alta Epstein
Jeanne Trinder
Joseph "Chick" Barricks
Merrill Grossman
Bernice Corn
Phyllis Jagiello



New at Hanukkah Happening

Yitzky Kasowitz, of St. Paul, is the founder of JBrick, which creates custom Jewish-themed Lego sets. You can get sets that deal with each holiday, check out his website at jbrick.com. You will love it. See you December 11 at 12:30 for this wonderful event.

- Wendy Beckerman

**SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 7-9, 2017**

TBJ is having a Scholar-in-Residence that weekend, Ron Wolfson. He is an educator and beloved and an inspirational speaker on spirituality and Jewish life. He will be here on Friday April 7. Come for Shabbat and meet him. He will have two sessions on Saturday, April 8 and will have a Sunday morning program on April 9, and a lecture that afternoon. We'll keep you updated on the details of the weekend, with specific times and topics. In the meantime, any chores or trips you can do the weekend before or after...please do that! You won't want to miss this intelligent, engaging, warm, and funny man.



CALLING ALL MAHJONG & SCRABBLE PLAYERS

THIRD FRIDAY of the MONTH (after services until 9:30 pm)

We will provide a brown bag dinner snack. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

PLEASE RSVP TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: Nancy Chavannes - nchavannes@yahoo.com

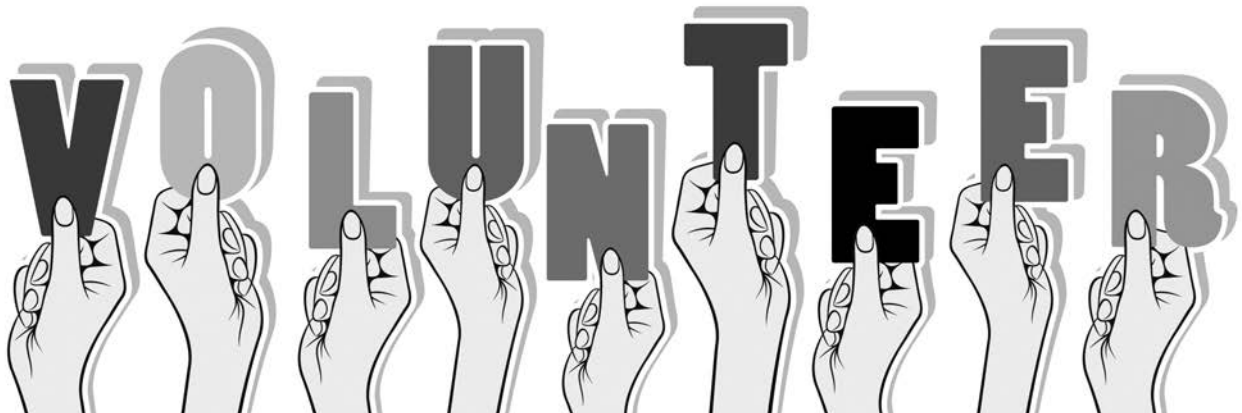
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Can you help?

We are seeking **volunteer drivers** to bring people back and forth to the Temple for events. In particular, Friday night services. I would appreciate one Friday night a month commitment. There is no need to make a 12 month commitment, but I need a list of drivers I can count on. Jill Musin, Caring Committee Chair (jill@upnup.co | 515-480-8240)

We need volunteers to join us in **preparing and serving Christmas dinner** to over 200 people on Christmas day, Sunday, December 25, at Central Iowa Shelter & Services in Des Moines. Please contact Rachele Hjelmaas, Temple Social Action Chairperson, at rjelmaas@gmail.com or 515-419-5388 if you can volunteer.



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Rabbi's Teen Talk - Discussion of Youth Group Educational Program/Confidential 3:30 PM Rabbi's Symposium - "Hopes and Fears for Jews in America" 	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Ed Program - "The Words of the Fathers" 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Family & Classic Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Patton's 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Articles Due 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Ed Program - "The Words of the Fathers" 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Rabbi's Teen Talk - Election Results Discussion (Impact on Jewish Issues/Israel) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Sisterhood / Brotherhood Book Club 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 4:30 PM Drake Interfaith Program 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Granite City Food & Brewery 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Wedo Table for Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Ed Program - "The Words of the Fathers" 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Youth Group Event 3:30 PM Rabbi's Symposium 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temple Office Closed 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temple Office Closed 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Jetro's BBQ in Jambalaya 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Family & Classic Shabbat - Community Wide PJ Library Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Jethro's BBQ in Jambalaya 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Family & Classic Shabbat - Community Wide PJ Library Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Rabbi's Teen Talk - Imam Niljaz Valiev-cic? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shang-hai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Articles Due 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study 6:00 PM YG Set Up for Chanukah Happenings
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 PM Hanukkah Happening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Temple Board of Trustees Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Pasta Feed for Drake Hillel Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shang-hai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM WeDo Table for Introduction to Judaism 6:00 PM Rabbi's Round Table for Introduction to Judaism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shang-hai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study 5:00 PM Temple Chinese Dinner
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temple Office Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shang-hai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Temple Office Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shanghai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Family & Classic Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Articles Due 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Temple Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM Temple Board of Trustees Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shanghai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFTY Winter Chavurah 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study 	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
David at NATA Conference	Temple Office Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Shanghai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Wine & Cheese Social 6:00 PM Camp Shabbat Service? 7:00 PM Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Weekly Text Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion 10:35 AM Rabbi's Torah Study
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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