

March 2025 Bulletin



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The Temple Concord / Temple Israel Joint Adult Education Committee invites you to an entertaining **Brunch Program on Sunday, March 9, at Temple Concord**. The program begins with a **brunch at 10:00 am**, followed by the performance of **four skits** taken from the collection called **"Oy!"** by Rich Orloff.

Deborah Williams has put together a talented cast – with each actor playing several characters. The settings include the Garden of Eden, a laboratory, a courtroom, and a passionate couple's living room. We think you'll enjoy not only the laugh-out-loud humor, but the poignancy of these little scenes, performed by our area's skilled actors, including Ted Major, Krista and Larry Guidici, Gary Hansen, and Deborah Williams.



Gary Hansen



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The entire community is welcome to attend.

There is a suggested donation of between \$5-20 per person. For more information and to RSVP, please contact either Temple Israel at 607 723-7461, e-mail: office@templeisraelvestal.org, or Temple Concord at 607 723-7355 by March 6, so we can "right size" the brunch!



Letter from the Rabbi:

“When we enter Adar, we multiply joy!”
(Babylonian Talmud Ta’anit 29a)

This year the ancient early Spring month of Adar aligns with March and invites us to do our part to magnify the joy and goodwill in the world.

This year, many of us may find this particularly challenging. Our cold winter seems like it will continue for a while longer. In our community, along with much of the world, we are coping with a great deal of uncertainty and concern for the immediate and long term future. In our people’s ancient homeland Eretz Yisrael, this is particularly pronounced as the hostage exchange and ceasefire deal are currently stalled.

So, while our tradition teaches this is a season of joy, our experience may not naturally lead us to increased joy. How can we reconcile this tension?

We can come together to join in the life of our community, of course! In this month ahead, we will have opportunities to sing our hearts out together as we celebrate Purim as well as to comfort grieving members of our community. We will have the opportunity to wrestle with how Torah shines light into current events as well as to welcome new children to our community. We will raise funds for the future of our synagogue as well as for the immediate needs of hungry people in our local community.

As we come together to engage in the Mitzvot through which our tradition offers structures of support for the years and seasons of our lives, we can cultivate a deep sense of joy and goodwill. This deep joy derived from our deep connections with each other, with G-d and Torah, is a core ingredient for resilience of heart and spirit. It may very well be that this resilience born from the joy of community that has enabled our people to persevere throughout the generations.

This month, please consider how you would like to embrace these opportunities to join together with your Temple Israel community. May we together magnify our joy!

Letter from the President

Dear Members and friends of Temple Israel,

Wow, February flew by, with a full program of Temple Israel services, classes, and activities to ward off the chill! We hope you enjoyed the Tu b'Shevat Seder, Scout Shabbat, and Shabbat dinner programs. As we enter the month of Adar still in winter's icy grip, we look forward to the transition in seasons and the Spring holidays.

Purim is fast approaching, and with it our first Musical Artist-in-Residence Weekend March 14th-16th. This joyous musical event will feature 4th generation chazzan and musician Zachary Mayer, and will offer something for everyone: Friday Evening Megillah Reading

and Kabbalat Shabbat service with nosh, Shabbat Morning Services with Kiddush, Havdallah service and Participatory Concert with light refreshments on Saturday Evening, and a Sunday Morning Harmony Workshop with light refreshments as well. Engaging children and adults, Zach will participate in all events throughout the weekend.

In addition to promising great fun, this is also an important fundraiser for Temple Israel. Please consider a contribution to Temple Israel at whatever level suits your situation: Queen Esther, Uncle Mordechai, King Ahashverus, Queen Vashti, and the Jews of Shushan; all are appreciated sponsors of this event. I sincerely hope that you can support your Temple Israel in this way. Members and non-members are welcome at no charge, but please register so we know how many to expect. Tell your friends - better yet, *bring* your friends - to participate in this three-day musical fun-fest!

In closing, I must acknowledge the fraught times in which we exist - in the Middle East, in Europe, and here in the US. I hope that Temple Israel can provide some comfort in shared values and hope for peaceful resolutions to these bitter conflicts. Your donations and your volunteerism are essential to maintain our strong institution.

Spring is on the way - see you at our synagogue soon,
Art

Arthur B. Siegel
President, Temple Israel





Artist in Residence Weekend

Featuring musician **Zach Mayer**

Music, Megillah, Kabbalat Shabbat and a Nosh

Friday, March 14

Musical Tefilah for Kids!

Saturday, March 15

Havdalah and Harmony for All!

Saturday, March 15

Singing in Harmony Workshop

Sunday, March 16

Made possible by gifts from:

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Zach Mayer is a well-known musician who is part of a wave of new Jewish musical artists and facilitators of communal song who intertwine love for traditional Jewish music with a contemporary style. Zach brings people together through the power of nigunim, spiritual wordless melodies, rooted in Jewish tradition. He channels his family lineage of the four generations of cantors before him, as he helps communities find their own joyous voices in song.

Friday - Music, Megillah, Kabbalat Shabbat and a Nosh

We will kick off the weekend's activities starting at 4:30 pm with lively Purim tunes, schmoozing and noshing followed by the Megillah reading around 5pm. We will then dive into spirited music and dance. As Shabbat approaches, we will transition into Kabbalat Shabbat with melodies that bring joy and connection. A simple dinner will complete the evening's Shabbat celebrations. **Remember it's Purim! Costumes are welcome!**

Saturday - Musical Tefilah for Kids! Havdalah and Harmony for All!

In the morning at 10:15 children of all ages and their families are invited to a special Shabbat morning in the chapel for a service including storytelling, games and songs tailored for kids of all ages. The morning culminates in a special hakafah, where the children and their parents march into the main service in the sanctuary, singing and dancing alongside the community! A kiddush will follow services.

In the evening starting at 7 pm join with fellow congregants and the local Jewish community for an inspiring evening of music! Zach will lead us in a soulful Havdalah service at 7:30 pm. An inspirational and participatory concert will follow. The concert will include Zach's original melodies, nigunim, Jewish songs and chants designed to uplift, delight and heal. Community musicians wishing to play their instruments in accompaniment with Zach are encouraged to reach out to Temple Israel for more information on how to obtain sheet music. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday - Singing in Harmony Workshop

Join Zach at 11 am for an engaging workshop exploring the art of harmony and the spiritual power of song. Together we will learn two melodies — a traditional nigun and one of Zach's original compositions — while discovering which elements are rooted in tradition and which are new. Zach will share practical techniques for blending voices, and provide a glimpse into his artistic process, including his method of using melody as a Jewish spiritual practice. This fun and participatory session is open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the programs, to register or to become a sponsor of the weekend please call the office at (607) 723-7461 or email: office@templeisraelvestal.org

Become a sponsor!

Queen Esther	\$720 and up
Uncle Mordechai	\$360 - \$719
King Ahasuerus	\$180 - \$359
Queen Vashti	\$90 - \$179
The Jews of Shushan	\$36 - \$89
Name your sponsorship any amount	

		March	2025			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Shabbat svcs 9:30am Havdalah 6:45pm
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Birthday of Eitan Kaminsky		Torah & Our Times 4:30pm minyan 5:30pm Executive Board meeting 7pm	Birthday of Adam Greenblott Robert Weiss Whole Megillah class 10:30am Hebrew School 4:15-6pm		Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 5:44pm	Birthday of Robert Friedman Lori Lewis Shabbat svcs 9:30am Havdalah 6:45pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Turn clocks ahead 1 hour Adult Ed Program at T.C. 10:00am		Torah & Our Times 4:30pm minyan 5:30pm	Whole Megillah class 10:30am Hebrew School 4:15-6pm		Purim Weekend Program with Zach Mayer Purim party 4:30 and Megillah reading Light candle 6:52pm	Baby naming Meg Leja & Alex Chase-Levenson Shabbat svcs 9:30am Musical Tefilah 10:15am 7pm Havdalah w/ Zach Mayer
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Singing in Harmony Workshop with Zach Mayer 11:00am		Anniversary of Maxine & Louis Rosenberg Torah & Our Times 4:30pm minyan 5:30pm BOT meeting 7pm	Birthday of Emily Wolff Ritual Committee mtg 9:30am Hebrew School 4:15-6pm		Birthday of Wendy Wolff Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 7:00pm	Shabbat svcs 9:30am Havdalah 8:15pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Birthday of Irwin Simon					Birthday of Rabbi Friedman
30	Office 2-4pm	Torah & Our Times 4:30pm minyan 5:30pm	Hebrew School 4:15-6pm		Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 7:08pm	Anniversary of Yaron & Alice Kweller Rabbi off Svcs 9:30am
Birthday of Shira Green Rabbi off	31 Anniversary of Merri Pell-Preus & Tony Preus Rabbi off					

Contributions

General Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Herman Kline by Herbert Kline
Dora Arnson by Herbert Kline
Patricia Kline by Herbert Kline
Yetta Gilinsky by Charles Gilinsky
Fritz Rosenberg by Rolph Rosenberg
Katie Brown by Marcia Brown
Philip Wulwick by Nancy Basmann
Faye Rittberg by Howard Rittberg
Alan Leon Kirsch by Michael & Wendy Wolff
Owen Wolff by Michael & Wendy Wolff
Eve Gerblet by Leon Vainer
Clara Brachin by Esther Gilinsky & Family
Rose Gilinsky by Esther Gilinsky & Family
Goldie Bograd by Marilyn Bell
Ruth Rosenberg by Marvin & Barbara Guter

Wishing good health to...

Hersh Rozen by Merri Pell-Preus & Tony Preus, Shirley, Mark & Edwin Bronsky, Robin & Jeff Greenblott, Bonnie & Howard Brown
Jim Mason by Robin & Jeff Greenblott, Larry & Rita Bleier
Jeff Shapiro by Larry & Rita Bleier

In memory of...

Mathew Epstein by Shirley Bronsky

In honor of...

Rhonda Levine's Bat Mitzvah anniversary by Rhoda Ullmann, Anonymous
Al Lavker & Darcy Paul by Len & Naoma Feld
Barbara Zelter's special birthday by Merri Pell-Preus & Tony Preus
Steve Gilbert's 80th birthday by Marilyn Wilker, Lynne Green, Ben & Susan Kasper
Rhonda Levine for chanting her Bat Mitzvah Haftarah by The Second Tuesday Book Club
Alan Lerman on the publishing of his new book *Black Mossad* by Bonnie & Howard Brown

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Paulette Klin by Celia & Sophia Klin and Suzanne Krause
Gail Weinberg by Sandy & Dennis Foreman
Estelle Silverman by Stuart & Vicki Rouff

In memory of...

Marilyn Aigen by Celia & Sophia Klin and Suzanne Krause

Cemetery Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Jeanette Smith by William Jaffe

Landscaping Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Milton Osber by Arlene Osber
Rita Osber by Arlene Osber
Chuck Schweiger by Arlene Osber
Keith Osber by Arlene Osber

Thinking of you...

Hersh Rozen by Arlene Osber

Kiddush Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Fritz Rosenberg by Louis & Maxine Rosenberg
Narola Rosenberg by Louis & Maxine Rosenberg

Mitzvah Corps

For the Yahrzeit of...

Leza Weisslender by Ruth & Jeff Shapiro
Alan Robinson by Harriet Horowitz

VINES Garden

For the Yahrzeit of...

Bert Krassin by Terry Shelley-Krassin

Congregational News

Mazel Tov to:

Alan Lerman on the publishing of his book “Black Mossad”

Condolences to...

**Myrna & Mel Dubofsky and Family on the passing of her daughter
Deborah Zapotocky**

Wishing Good Health to:

**Marcia Brown, Stephanie Horowitz, Jeff Shapiro, Susan Gilinsky,
Marcia Hofstein, Ann Spitz, Laurence Wyman, Hersh Rozen, Jim Mason**

**Congratulations to our February lottery Fundraiser winner:
Jacob Clark**

The Caring Community

Please inform the Rabbi: If your health condition changes, you undergo a medical procedure, are hospitalized, you move to an assisted living facility or rehab, or if you are aware of anyone in our congregation who needs attention.

If you wish to recite Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service, other than Tuesday or Friday, please contact the Temple Israel office. A notice will be sent to the congregation to make up a Minyan. It would be helpful if you contact us two weeks prior to the date.

March 1 - 6

Bess Balin observed by *Florence Balin*
Leonard Kostick observed by *Richard Kostick*
Keith Osber* observed by *Arlene Osber*
Alan Robinson* observed by *Harriet Horowitz, Rochelle Goldberg*
Robert Wearb observed by *Ann Bronsky*
Pauline Glicker observed by *Larry Hurwitz*
Ann Felsen observed by *David Weintraub*
Nathan Goldstein* observed by *David Goldstein*
Rachel Sall observed by *Ron Sall*
Sarah Sall* observed by *Ron Sall*
Rebecca Weinberger observed by *Judy Simon*
Gloria Earl observed by *Janet Stram*
Eve Gerblet observed by *Leon Vainer*
David Ribler* observed by *Pamela Marcus*
Jeremy Ullmann* observed by *Arieh Ullmann*
Martin Davis observed by *Larry Davis*
Marcia Shuman observed by *Andrew Shuman*
Walter Ullmann observed by *Arieh Ullmann*
Owen Wolff observed by *Michael Wolff*

March 7 - 15

Donald Bronsky* observed by *Shirley, Peter and Mark Bronsky*
Leopold Aryhe Weisner observed by *Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu*
Herman Kline* observed by *Herbert Kline*
Rhoda Seidel observed by *Fran Newmark*
Dr. Thomas Tanenhaus* observed by *David Tanenhaus*
Dora Arnson observed by *Herbert Kline*
Barbara Blazar* observed by *Jennifer Schutzer*
Ben Hechtman* observed by *Ron Sall*
Clara Brachin observed by *Esther Gilinsky*
Edward Bittman observed by *Nancy Bittman*
Goldie Bograd observed by *Marilyn Bell*
Rose Gilinsky* observed by *Esther Gilinsky*
Natalie Levine observed by *Renee Williams*
Anna Berger observed by *Roy Paston*
Oscar Epstein* observed by *Maxine Rosenberg*
Belle Margolis* observed by *Brenda Margolis*
Bernard Shifrin* observed by *Myrna Dubofsky*
Herbert Foster observed by *Arthur & George Siegel*
Rose Sall* observed by *Ron Sall*
George Shuman* observed by *Andrew Shuman*
Roslyn Siegal* observed by *Eileen Head*

March 16 - 22

Louis Beilin observed by *Marcy Cohen*
Rita Tino Davis observed by *Larry Davis*
B. Norman Pearlman* observed by *David Pearlman, Nan Pearlman*
Shirlee Galanty observed by *Madeline Miller*
Sarah Warner* observed by *Howard Warner*
Hannah Goldman observed by *Philip Goodman*
Lillian Goodman* observed by *Philip Goodman*
Dora Kator observed by *Pamela Marcus*
Mina Levene* observed by *Gail Shulman*
Hamama Yona Mah'pud observed by *Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu*
Robert Greenblott observed by *Cookie Greenblott, Jeffrey Greenblott*
George Kaufer observed by *Naoma Feld*
Elizabeth Spitz observed by *Ann Spitz*
George Gilinsky observed by *Esther Gilinsky*
Melvin Manasse observed by *Matt Manasse*
Barbara Schapiro* observed by *Jeffrey, Michael and Robert Schapiro*
Werner Herz* observed by *Carol Herz*
Elsie Miller observed by *Madeline Miller*
Germaine Rosenberg observed by *Louis Rosenberg, Rolph Rosenberg*
Hyman Sall* observed by *Ron Sall*

March 23 - 31

Leroy Bertin observed by *Dick Lewis*
Burton H. Blazar* observed by *Jennifer Schutzer*
Anna Goldman observed by *Fran Goldman*
Eileen Sandra Wachtel observed by *Rabbi Geoffrey Brown*
Patricia Kline observed by *Herbert Kline*
Faye Gerstein observed by *Alan Piaker, Susan Kasper*
Hirschel Kasper observed by *Ben Kasper*
Clara Krassin observed by *Terry Shelley-Krassin*
L. Nathan Sall observed by *Ron Sall*
Beatrice Weissman observed by *Sandra Paston*
Harold Schwartz observed by *Lynne Green*
Barbara Bograd observed by *Marilyn Bell*
Neil Gabay observed by *Sima Auerbach*
Yetta Gilinsky* observed by *Charles Gilinsky*
Nathan Berman* observed by *Brenda Margolis*
Abraham Levey observed by *Fran Goldman*
Mildred White observed by *Linda Robi*