



B'nai Israel Reform Temple Bulletin



Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

In addition to February being the Hebrew month Adar 1, it is also Black History Month.

This past week, I came across this moving statement from Stacey Aviva Flint, a Black and Jewish American who posted her own interpretation of this month and what it brings up for her.

She writes,

"Being Jewish and a descendent of African American Slaves, I have chosen to put the stars of both my people side by side as I celebrate Black History Month (all year long, lol!). One of the most healing aspects of Judaism to me is remembering the pain and then transforming that into a commitment to heal myself, help heal others, and stand up for injustice so that our world can be better.

No one ever taught me to mourn for my ancestors lost in the Atlantic waters during the slave trade, or the countless killed just because they would not submit to degradation because of their skin color, those lynched or killed for learning to read or refusing the Christian religion. Our symbol of hope was the Northern Star, sewed on quilts to direct escaping slaves to go north and follow the stars in the sky to freedom.

I am linked in heart and spirit to every Jew who has ever been killed because they refused to conform or just for being Jewish in ancestry regardless of observance. Our symbol is the Magen David. Once we were forced to wear it as a symbol of shame, now it is a symbol of resistance and boldness, Am Yisrael Chai.

Jews have always blended their heritage with the unique lands and peoples where we have interacted, and today I proudly do the same.

I am healing as I mourn my people from the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, and the fields of Virginia/KY/Mississippi, to the soils of the lands of the Inquisition to the concentration camps.

I am brown Northern Star, born on the Ohio River aka the Jordan River.

I am the Star of David, a Jewess through and through.

I am all of my people, and will never forget..."

The Jewish process of remembering adversity and transforming it into healing and purpose to stand up against injustice is powerful and moving.

And the idea that the northern star, and the Magen David star, both aspects of her identity, each symbolize hope and movement to freedom is equally inspirational and poignant.

As I read her story, I was struck by the fact that black history month is not only part of her identity, but part of our entire nations' identity. Black history should not be relegated to a month. It is a part of American history; it should be a yearlong endeavor of study and stories. And so, I am committing this year to integrate more readings, quotes and saying from black Jewish and non-Jewish sages not only in the coming month of February but for the whole year.

We have a commitment to make sure that our American history is inclusive and representative of all Americans, and that all our stories of persecution, suffering, and righteous voices are heard.

We have an obligation to honor the ideals of *b'tzelem elohim*- the notion that we were all created in God's image and hold equal value. Join me in honoring Stacey's words and finding the will to stand up against injustice and discrimination in any form. Heaven knows we have witnessed it this past year, both as anti-Semitism and racism.

May we ally and use our privilege to fight oppression this month and beyond.

President's Message

Paul Fink



Dear Temple Families,

I was struggling to decide on a topic for this month's bulletin and didn't want to focus too much on COVID this time. Fortunately, even with the Omicron variant becoming so prevalent, our Temple has managed to stay open, and hosted two very well attended b'nai mitzvot services in January. Many other temples have returned temporarily to online services only.

While not yet final as of the time of this writing, volunteers are making plans to hold an in-person Purim Carnival and Passover Seder. I am very pleased to see our continuing progress with in-person learning and events. I also want to assure those of you who cannot attend in-person that streaming of services will continue indefinitely.

Unfortunately, the news over this past weekend presented a topic which I feel needs to be addressed again: That of keeping our members, students, clergy, and staff safe. We have been assured on many occasions that our temple is a low-profile target for terrorists, both foreign and domestic. The events at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville Texas demonstrate, however, that we can never let our guard down and that Jews are still targets of hate.

A few years ago, the Board of Trustees arranged for installation of a high-quality video surveillance system, changed the door locks, and arranged for pass cards to be distributed to authorized users for Temple access. We also began to lock the sanctuary doors fifteen minutes after the start of every service. Vaccination checks at the door mean that there is always someone watching who is coming in. Make no mistake, however, we are not "guards."

Lastly, we have tightened up our online security in response to the Zoom Bombing of last November's Interfaith Service.

I will be discussing security matters with the Board at our January meeting and will let the congregation know of any updates to policies or procedures. We will certainly be reaching out to the Suffolk County Police Department for updated security training.

Please remember that the Temple is here to support all of us. You can reach out to the Rabbi, Cantor, me, or any of the other trustees if you need something or have suggestions to make. We are your Temple, and we want you to value your membership.

L'shalom,

Paul

Outreach Committee

Alice Lambert

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and brought in **clothes** which have been brought to the Suffolk Y JCC. These clothes are being delivered to the Afghan refugees who are being housed at Liberty Village at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in NJ. The clothes will be greatly appreciated by their recipients.

Thank you also for all the **food donations** that have been left in the Temple lobby. The Sayville Food Pantry is very appreciative of your donations. Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable and nutritious food items when you come to Temple. Gift cards to supermarkets are also gratefully accepted.

Attention Volunteers : Ducks Concession Stand Fundraiser Coming soon!

B'nai Israel has contracted with the Long Island Ducks to work concession stands during evening games on 12 Saturdays and 10 Wednesdays throughout the 2022 baseball season. All games are played at the Ducks Stadium in Central Islip, just off the Southern State Parkway and Carlton Avenue. Our first game is opening weekend, on Saturday, April 23. Once again we will be looking for volunteers age 16 and older to work one or more games and help us earn significant income on sales of food and beverages. For information and planning, [click here for a link to the season schedule](#). Additional details will be included in our March bulletin. For questions or to volunteer email Ducks@bnai-israel.org - Joel Silverman

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Dear Members of the Temple,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00 and **continued** support to The Chestene M. Coverdale Food Pantry. The funds you have provided will go a long way in providing services for our less fortunate. We will be able to help with utility bills, phone bills, gasoline, as well as groceries. This past year has been a difficult one for so many people and with donations, such as yours, we will be able to continue to help those in need (*so many more this past year*).

This letter will serve as a formal acknowledgement for federal tax purposes that you made this gift in December of 2021. You received no goods or services in exchange for this gift.

On behalf of all our volunteers and recipients may I express our deepest gratitude.
Stay healthy and safe.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlene Lehmann". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charlene Lehmann
Director

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Religious School News

**** New Date****



The Religious School Shabbat Service for

Grades 1-6 is **February 11th 2022 at 7:15 pm.** Students will be active participants in the service! Please come and worship with your entire family at this very special service!

Please bring nonperishable food for the food pantry.



Outreach is an important part of our School's values. Helping people in our community is so important. Please continue to bring in ***tzedakah, \$ A Week*** and food for outreach!

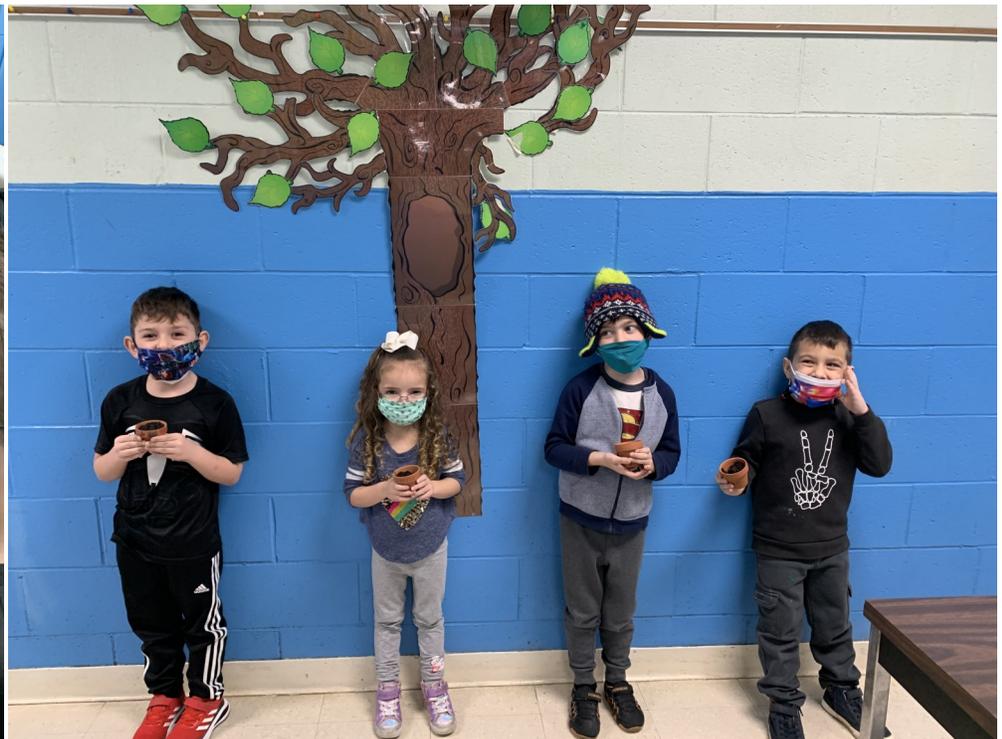


The Library is OPEN!! It is very organized we encourage you and your children to borrow books!

Parents: Please check your email regularly for announcements of upcoming events and any missed assignments as this is our primary method of communication. If we do not have your current email address and you have not been receiving correspondences, please email us at school@bnai-israel.org with your current email address.

In case of emergency school closings or delayed openings announcements will be made by email. We will move to our Google Classrooms for live instruction.

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Family  Shabbat



JOIN US

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 11

7:15 PM

SERVICE



**GRADES
ONE THROUGH SIX
CELEBRATE SHABBAT**

**WITH
SPECIAL READINGS**

PRAYERS

SONGS

CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Students are encouraged to come early to meet their teachers and receive their roles and readings

Temple protocols for Covid: social distancing, masks, vaccine proof for age 16 & up



Sandi & Jonathan Bonett on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nathaniel Bonett

Ritual Committee

Sandy Weber

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!!

Taking the wind chill into account, it feels like it is 9 degrees outside this morning! It may be frigid outside, but all you have to do is to step into our Temple sanctuary to feel the warmth and comfort that you are craving. Join us, in not only the physical warmth, but in the psychological and spiritual warmth and comfort you will feel in celebrating Shabbat with us. As one of my favorite singers, Barbara Streisand, tells us, be a person who needs people...because we are the luckiest people in the world!

We all need to be with each other, we need to socialize again, we need to get out into the world again. Our Temple is following every precaution to keep everyone safe. We need you, we need each other, we need to move forward. I am inviting you to join us in the following weeks ahead. It will warm you from the inside out!

There are many special services in particular to look forward to in the coming months. Mark your calendars!

Friday, February 11, 2022 Religious School Family Shabbat
Friday, March 4, 2022 Scout and Shabbat Across America
Friday, March 11, 2022 Purim Shabbat Service & Shpiel
Saturday, March 11, 2022 Purim Spiel and carnival
Friday, April 15, 2022 Passover Seder and Shabbat

All of the above events are being worked on with the idea that the Covid numbers will be much lower than they are at the present moment. We are all working hard to be able to change course if the situation warrants.

Please continue to check the Temple website and weekly announcements for further details. Praying that everyone stays safe and warm!

I apologize for inadvertently omitting Ellen Spergel's name off of the list of people I thanked for visiting the Assisted Living Facilities with us this past Hanukkah. Thank you Ellen! This group of volunteers made a huge difference in the lives of the residents of the facilities.

Torah and Haftarah Readings

February 5th: Exodus ch. 25 vs. 2 through ch. 27 vs. 19
I Kings ch. 5 vs. 26 through ch. 6 vs. 13

February 12th: Exodus ch. 27 vs. 20 through ch. 30 vs. 10
Ezekiel ch. 43 vss. 10 through 27

February 19th: Exodus ch. 30 vs. 11 through ch. 34 vs. 35
Ezekiel ch. 36 vss. 22 through 36

February 26th: Exodus ch. 35 vs. 1 through ch. 38 vs. 20
II Kings ch. 12 vss. 5 through 16

Passover Dinner Seder

Shalom Chaverim,

Passover is a time for family, community, and celebration. It is not only a recognition of our past freedom, but a reminder that there is much work to do in order to ensure freedom for all in present times.



Please join us for our **in-person Annual Temple Passover Seder on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm** as our congregational family celebrates these themes throughout our seder.

During the evening, we will enjoy food from Woodbury Kosher Caterers, participate in Passover rituals, sing seder songs, and enjoy a sweet dessert.

We strongly encourage you to get your reservations in early as this event has proven to be very popular and space will be limited. The special "EARLY BIRD" cost of \$59.00 per person is limited to Temple affiliates and their families. This cost must be paid in full by March 2, 2022. After that the cost for Temple affiliates and their families will be \$65.00 per person. The cost for children age 12 and under will be \$30.00 per person until March 2, 2022 and \$40.00 per child thereafter. As per the caterer, there will be absolutely no reservations accepted after March 23, 2022.

In keeping with Temple policy, all attendees must submit proof of full vaccination and be required to wear a mask when not eating. Arrangements will be made should we need to cancel the event.

Looking forward to celebrating Passover together again in person!

Wishing you all a Chag Passover Sameach, a wonderful Passover!

Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal and The Ritual Committee

Reservations can be made by sending in the form below with payment or [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve and make your payment online.

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Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

To purchase tickets

please either contact the Temple Office
or **CLICK HERE to purchase online.**

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 \$100	2 \$25
3 \$50	4 \$75	5 \$25	6 \$50	7 \$25	8 \$50	9 \$25
10 \$50	11 \$100	12 \$25	13 \$50	14 \$25	15 \$100	16 \$75
17 \$50	18 \$25	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$25	22 \$25	23 \$50
24 \$25	25 \$50	26 \$25	27 \$50	28 \$25	29 \$25	30 \$500

2021-2022

ADULT ED TORAH STUDY

Dates:

- February 5 - terumah
- March 19 - vayikra
- March 26 - shmini
- April 2 - tazria
- May 7 - kedoshim
- June 4 - bamidbar

Saturdays starting at 10:00 am with Torah Study & Adult Ed. Dates are subject to change.

Contact Rabbi Rosenthal with any questions

We are selling Grocery Store Food Cards!

Contact Rich Lindner (516) 641-8050
or the Temple Office to purchase.

Consider donating food cards to the Temple's
Outreach Committee to help others in our
community who are in need of some assistance.

Cards can be delivered to you!



On February 18, 2015, Amanda Chatel wrote on Bustle.com, “Despite the fact that it's the shortest month of the year, February feels like the longest. Even though the days are still short, each day seems to linger far too long, every day is just as miserable as the one before, and you find yourself begging for it to be over already. Even those of us who love any reason to stay in and hunker down are pretty much over it by the time mid-February rolls around, as we stare down each grey day trying to see a glimmer of hope in the form of sun. But there is no sun. Yes, February makes some of us dreadfully dark and morbid, like an Edgar Allen Poe poem.”

I too am not happy being cooped up in the house with little or nothing to do. My sweet little dog is also bored; she is so used to socializing with her doggy friends at the dog park. While I enjoy the change of seasons, I am looking forward to milder weather so we can get back outdoors.

There are some days that I like to watch a good movie or series on TV. Have you tried any of Joi's suggestions from last month's bulletin? She and I relish Israeli tv; I especially enjoyed *Shitsel*, *Unorthodox*, *The Girl from Oslo*, and *Srugim*. Most of these are on Netflix or Prime.

February is also a wonderful time to snuggle up in a comfy chair and read a good book. Sisterhood will have an in-person Book Discussion, led by Natalie Berhumoglu, on February 15. We have selected “*The Lions of Fifth Avenue*,” written by Fiona Davis. “**A compelling novel that's part family saga, part high-stakes heist, and part love story, Fiona Davis creates an intricate and beautiful puzzle. A gripping and satisfying story for booklovers the world over.**” I am looking forward to diving into this book. This month, Joi is also offering some additional reading choices, suggested by the Jewish Women's Archive.

Save the Date for the Women's Seder on March 22. We are planning another in-person experience with hopes of being together and celebrating the women of the Passover story as well as women today. Please plan on joining us for a special evening – more details to come.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy, happy February. May your days be filled with love and joy.
Stephanie Plewka, Sisterhood President

2021-2022 Book Picks from the Jewish Women's Archive

Vera Rubin: A Life by Jacqueline Mitton

Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland

Hope Valley by Haviva Ner-David

The Rabbi Who Prayed With Fire by Rachel Sharona Lewis

Sarahland by Sam Cohen

Rebel Daughter by Lori Kaufman

The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker

Lilyville by Tovah Feldshuh

Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of Modern American Culture by Annelise Heinz

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For updates visit bnai-israel.org and see the weekly emails.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2 7:30pm Security Committee Meeting	3 10:30am Chair Yoga 8pm Fundraising Committee	4 8pm Shabbat Service	5 10am Torah Study & Adult Ed (mishpatim)
6	7	8	9	10 Bulletin Deadline 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm SCPD Security Presentation for Temple Board	11 7:15pm Family Service with 1st to 6th Grade participation	12 10am Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Bonett
13	14 7:30pm Finance Committee	15 7pm Sisterhood Book Discussion	16	17 10:30am Chair Yoga 8pm Temple Board meeting	18 7pm Tot Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	19
20	21	22	23	24 10:30am Chair Yoga	25 8pm Shabbat Service	26
27	28					

A young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing glasses and a white t-shirt, is sitting on a wooden floor with a laptop. She is looking up and to the right with a smile. The background wall is light beige and decorated with several hand-drawn envelope icons in black, yellow, and teal. The text is written in a black, handwritten-style font.

Have you been
reading
our weekly
emails?

It's the best way to stay up to date on what's
happening at BIRT! Visit our website to sign up.

Condolences: The B'nai Israel Congregational Family extends its deepest condolences to the Mihlstin family on the loss of Harriet's husband and Steven's father, Morton Mihlstin. May they find comfort in the blessings of good memories that will always be theirs.



Yahrzeits

February 4th

*Minnie Baker
 *Herbert Balkin
 *Joseph Beer
 George Berman
 *Celia Burrows
 *David Burrows
 *Nicholas Carulli
 *Jennie Chapoff
 *Dennis Dolling
 Louis Farrell
 *Benjamin Feinstein
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 *Sarah Mirrer
 *Beatrice Moyses
 Selma Pettick
 *Carole Porwick
 *Murray Porwick
 *Sadie Pshedesky
 *Henrietta Gabay
 Rauchwerger

*David N. Raynes
 *Louis Reisch
 *Minnie Rosenfeld
 Jerome Rovinsky
 *Murray Rubenstein
 *Leon Seldin
 *Caroline Shmagin
 *William Silver
 *Florence Silverman
 *Annette Singer
 *Donald H. Singer
 Anna Tabak
 Charlotte Teller
 *Ruth Wahlberg

February 11th

*Ionel Alscheck
 *Lois Berger
 *Bernard Blum
 *Frank Brand
 *James Burrows
 *Eveline Carchman
 Murray Cohen
 *Rafael Dana
 *Jim Eaton
 *Elliott Eckhaus
 *Edward Epstein
 *Henry Erdrich
 Lloyd Feuer
 *Frank Francese
 *Sally Geller
 *Bess Glasser
 Pearl Goodman
 *Samuel Hertzberg
 *Jack Isaacs
 *Paul Lebensfeld
 Samuel Lindner
 *Bertha Markofsky

Velma Poole
 *Sylvia Schrank &
 Family
 *Mary Schreiber
 *Miriam Shorr
 *Moshe Vianu
 Ruby Wilber
 *Jean Zeldin

February 18th

*Irwin Altman
 *Max David Atkins
 *Marilyn Avergun
 *Estelle Bassell
 *Isidor Batter
 *Sophie Berger
 *Jennie Berman
 Muriel Blaugrund
 *David Bornstein
 *Martha Brass
 *Mortimer Cohen
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 Bessie Darmstadt
 Felice Linda Diller
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 *Estelle Goldstein
 *Stephanie Goodman
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 *Seymour Gray
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 Hyman Jacobs
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 *Jerome Leibowitz
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 Ronnie Lowenberg
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 *Charlotte Morganstern
 *Joseph Nebreda
 *Arnold "Marty"
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 *Sylvia Roth
 Annette Schlitten
 *Magdalene "Maggie"
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 *Rosalind Sloane
 *Sidney Sonkin
 *Murray Spindel
 Irving Steckler
 Gerald Stone
 Martin Tuck
 *Charles Wasserman
 *Irving Weiss
 George Westwater
 *Max Wetzler
 *Sarah Zusman

February 25th

*Rebecca Rattan
 Alcabas
 Yitzak Armoza
 *Irving Arnowitz
 *Jennifer Bassell
 *Laura Brass
 *Melvin Brass
 *Ursula Cahn
 *Dora Cohen
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 *Harry Lehrbaum
 *Irving Levine
 *Harry Joseph Lewis
 *Joseph Mankovitz
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