



B'nai Israel Reform Temple Bulletin



Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

When I was in college, I worked at a Camp Galil, a Jewish summer camp. Most people associate summer camp with swimming, boating, hiking and song session around the campfire. But for me, it was where I fell in love with Israeli dances. I remember the thrill of dancing in community with a group of kids that filled up the entire wooden floored *chadar ohel* (dining hall). There was a huge sense of *ruach* – of spirit, energy and community. Everyone got into each dance and yelled out parts of the songs in participation. Halfway through the shabbat dance session, we would bring out watermelon for everyone, and it always tasted like the sweetest and most refreshing treat that I could possibly imagine. The entire experience was wonderful. It was so special, that I have always attributed a little bit of the spirit I felt during that time to my decision to enter Jewish education and eventually the rabbinate. And the years have not diminished that love of dance.

Israeli dance is not only a fun experience, but it is also symbolic of the diversity of cultures, peoples and beliefs that exist in Israel. Like the nation itself, the dances have evolved over time. The original dances were most likely created by *chalutzim* (early pioneers and Israeli settlers) and those that lived and worked on *Kibbutzim*. Many of these earliest dances took on themes such as biblical roots (*mah na'avu, tzadik katamar*), agricultural themes like water (*mayim mayim*), or hopes for a just Jewish homeland. Slowly African, Middle Eastern eclectic European dance moves, music, and styles have become part of the Israeli dance scene as well. And a mixture of Greek, Turkish, Arabic, and modern Israeli music can be found in some of the newer Israeli dances.

As we look ahead to *Yom Haatzmaut*, Israeli Independence Day, I look forward to celebrating the special gratitude I feel towards the creative individuals from so many nations and cultures who choreographed these unique dances. Each one contributed to a layer of art and diversity that is sacred and holy.

This year we will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut on Friday, April 21st at 7:15 pm during our 1st and 2nd grade family shabbat service. At the oneg, please join me in learning and dancing or even observing a few of my favorite Israeli Dances (no experience necessary) as we try to invite in a little Israeli culture into to our congregation.

Outreach Committee Report



As we are all making plans for Passover Seders we should be thinking about how fortunate we are. Spring is almost here and many of us are looking forward to being with family and friends to celebrate this joyous holiday.

We are also fortunate in the knowledge that we have been able to help so many others in our local communities. This week we brought the truckload of food, that had so generously been donated by congregants over the past month, to the **Coverdale Food Pantry in Sayville**. We were presented with this certificate, thanking us for our continuing support. We hope that you will continue to bring food donations to the Temple and leave them in the bins in the lobby.

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to the **UJA's Earthquake Relief fund**. Your response has been amazing!! Please continue to dig deeply and send checks made out to B'nai Israel, or go directly to the Temple's website and donate online. Please remember that **100% of the funds will be used to help individuals and communities affected by the crisis**. We cannot stand idly by while so many people are suffering.

Happy Passover to everyone and your families!

Alice Lambert



President's Message

Seth Berman



Shalom,

If it is April it is time for Baseball and of course more importantly for this publication time for us to prepare for Passover! Every year I look at this time with excitement and dread. Excitement in celebrating this quintessential Jewish Holiday and dread in the fact that for 7 days (we are Reform Jews after all) I must sacrifice my bagels, pizza and other various Chametz as is described in our Torah.

What is 7 days when you figure that our ancestors trekked through the desert for 40 years in order to reach the Promised Land! I ask you if they were able to walk through the desert for those 40 years can I ask you to volunteer a couple of times a year to help our temple? We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Ducks Season to work concession stands. I'm not looking for you to work every game but maybe one or two a year? If you don't want to work a game can we ask you to sit and check in congregants and guests for a service or two during the year?

While Passover is upon us let us not forget that Purim was so much fun not only a month ago. Thank you to Rabbi and Cantor for a very entertaining Purim Spiel telling. Thank you to Allison Rothstein and Alysha Abrams and their volunteers for running the Purim Carnival and of course thank you to Sandy Weber and her committee for hosting the Masquerade Ball!

Until next month I wish everyone a Zissen Pesach and remember what those who came before us sacrificed so that we can be together as a congregation and pray and celebrate.

I'Shalom
Seth C. Berman



**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

Ducks Baseball

Joel Silverman

Our Long Island Ducks baseball season gets underway in earnest the first week in May and it's time to build our B'nai Israel roster of Temple volunteers to roll-out our most profitable fund-raising effort of the year. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday games are scheduled May 2, 3, 4; 16, 17, 18; and 30, 31 and June 1. Three big Saturday night games, all with fireworks, are scheduled for May 6, 19, and 26.

If you've worked with us before you know the ropes and you will be contacted by email in the near future. If not, we would really like to have you join our B'nai Israel team. More volunteers equate to more income and more volunteers mean a lighter load for everyone else. For more information see an article in last month's bulletin, repeated below, or email ducks@bnai-israel.org with questions or to volunteer.

If you are able to commit to a particular game or games during May, please respond to our Ducks email address.

In recent years, each Ducks season has earned us significantly more than the years before. For that trend to continue we will need the help of additional Temple volunteers. Please do your part to contribute to the Temple's bottom line without costing you anything out-of-pocket!

ASSISTED LIVING VISITS FOR PASSOVER

Please join us in bringing Passover joy to the residents of the following Assisted Living Facilities! We will be visiting on Monday April 10, 2023.

Arbors Hauppauge
1740 Express Drive S Hauppauge, NY 11788 10:00 am

Arbors Islandia
1515 Veteran's Memorial Hwy. Islandia, NY 11749 11:15 am

Braemar Assisted Living at Medford
1529 N Ocean Ave Medford, NY 11763 2:30 p.m.



Religious School News

Family Worship Service highlighting the **1st and 2nd Grade** is Friday night April 21st at 7:15 pm. The students will be participating in the service. Please join us!

Please remember to bring food or food gift cards for outreach



**The Religious School Seders will be
Saturday, April 1st for grades PreK-6 and
Monday, April 3rd for Grade 7. Please make
sure your child is there for this memorable
experience!**



Scholarship Opportunity

Ira Rosenfeld Scholarship

We will once again be offering an opportunity for students to apply for our Ira Rosenfeld Scholarship. Applications will be available in the Temple office or through the Temple website. [Click here to download the form now.](#)

Requirements are:

Applicant must be a B'nai Israel Temple member or Applicant must have attended B'nai Israel Religious School through senior year; and Applicant must be currently enrolled, or enrolling, for the upcoming semester in an accredited college for the coming semester. Previous scholarship winners are ineligible.

Applicants will be required to submit an essay with application form.

Deadline is: May 15, 2023

Thank you, The Ira Rosenfeld Scholarship Committee



Membership Matters

Let's Get Together

The paragraphs below describe three distinct opportunities for Temple members to come together for discussion, information, learning, or just plain togetherness, relaxation and fun. As we continue our recovery from three years of limited activity due to Covid, the time is right to get involved once again. If you see something of interest, please join in. If nothing seems just right for you, but you have a suggestion you would like to pursue together with other Temple members, please let us know and we can work something out. Email membership@bnai-israel.org.

Looking for B'nai Israel Singles

If you are single and free during the day you may want to participate in a social group of B'nai Israel members like yourself. Eat out? Watch a movie? Learn something new? Attend a Temple function together or share a Shabbat meal before services? The options are endless. Once established, the group could work together to establish an informal program of activities to meet the interests and needs of its members.

Barbara Abrams has agreed to host an introductory session in-person at the Temple on **Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 PM**. Please let Barbara know if you have any questions and **RSVP** to babrams19@gmail.com or call her at 631-224-1445 if you plan to attend.

Small Group Description: Here All Along

Would you like to learn or relearn about Judaism as a grownup, explore different perceptions of G-d, religious observances, and the many ways to be a good person and perform mitzvot? In this group, we will get to know each other, share our individual beliefs and religious journey, and read Here All Along, in a friendly and supportive environment. The author, Sarah Hurwitz was a speechwriter for Michelle Obama, and discovered the beauty of Judaism as an adult.

The group will be limited to a maximum of 15 participants and be held every other Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom for a total of six sessions. We will also get together for at least one Shabbat service at the temple. Participants will be expected to try to attend all sessions and to read a couple of chapters of the book for each session.

The group will begin on **April 19, 2023**.

To sign up or ask questions, please email Paul Fink: paulfink505@icloud.com.

Caregiver Support

There may come a time in our lives when someone close requires personal care over and above what we may customarily provide to those we care about. Most often we are untrained and therefore unprepared to deal with that situation and tend to muddle through as best we can. Caregiving can sometimes be an issue temporarily during a recovery period, or longer-term for the elderly or infirmed.

At the present time there are at least several Temple families coping with such circumstances and given the demographics of our membership, there may well be others unknown to us.

The Family Service League - Long Island is prepared to help B'nai Israel families who find themselves in this type of situation. Caregiver support services are designed to help those caring for an ill, frail or elderly person, learn new skills, gain a better understanding of their role and options, and provide help in obtaining additional assistance if required.

These services are available individually by telephone or Zoom, but with a minimal show of interest among Temple members, in-person counseling would be possible in a group setting (or on Zoom if we prefer.) There is no cost for any of these options or services.

For further information please contact or leave a message with the Temple Office.



Heather & David Simonson
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Jacob Simonson**

Teri & Marvin Kolker on the birth of their grandson,
Miles Stephen Kolker on 3/7/2023, 8lbs. 8oz.

Luke Ibrahim was born on Monday, March 6, 5.5 lbs. in Japan
to Jihan and Sinta Berhumoglu. Proud grandparents: **Natalie
and Semsettin Berhumoglu.**

Natalie Berhumoglu, who has been nominated to serve as
recording secretary of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)
Northeast District.

Dynamic Chair Yoga with Bonnie Rubell

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level
yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday
morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who
want to start or continue their yoga practices.
This class presents modifications for many
yoga poses. Students choose the modifica-
tions which work best for them. This is a Ha-
tha chair approach aimed at building body
strength for balance and flexibility for life activ-
ities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walk-
ing, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic
exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical
age-related physical changes and conditions.
Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and
protective for body and mind. It's also social
and fun. This class is also appropriate for all
ages who want to get back to an exercise pro-
gram after a long break.



Torah and Haftarah Readings

April 1st: Leviticus ch. 6 vs. 7 through ch. 8 vs. 36

Malachi ch. 3 vss. 4 through 24

April 8th: Exodus ch. 33 vs. 12 through ch. 34 vs. 26

Ezekiel ch. 37 vss. 1 through 14

April 15th: Leviticus ch. 9 vs. 1 through ch. 11 vs. 47

II Samuel ch. 6 vs. 1 through ch. 7 vs. 17

April 22nd: Leviticus ch. 12 vs. 1 through ch. 15 vs. 33

II Kings ch. 7 vss. 3 through 20

April 29th: Leviticus ch. 16 vs. 1 through ch. 20 vs. 27

Amos ch. 9 vss. 7 through 15

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Sisterhood

APRIL 2023

Happy Spring!

The crocuses and daffodils are starting to bloom and spring is in the air.

Passover - my favorite holiday - is upon us! The house smells so good with the cooking and baking: sponge cakes, tzimmis, charroset and brisket being prepped for these special times. I love the thought of family and friends gathering for a Seder, sharing the happiness and reading the story of the Jewish people leaving Egypt and escaping slavery in search of freedom.

Whether you attend Sisterhood's Women's Seder, B'nai Israel's Temple Seder or observe at home surrounded by family and friends, ENJOY! Be thankful for those you are with. Reminisce with the memories and traditions of the past, but keep celebrating the holiday so that your children can have memories of their own. It doesn't matter how big or small the Seder is, try a new recipe, read the Haggadah, tell the story, say the prayers and feel the love of being together.

Ken and I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Passover and Spring!

Thea Gunther, Sisterhood President

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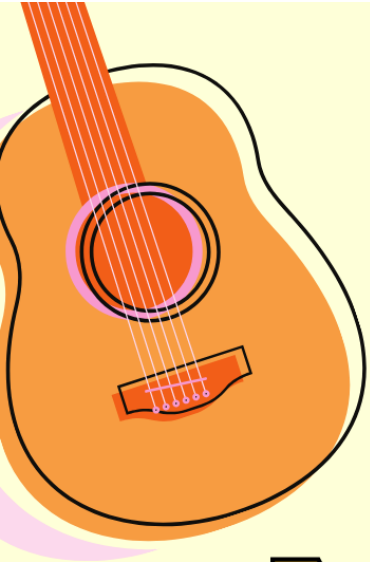
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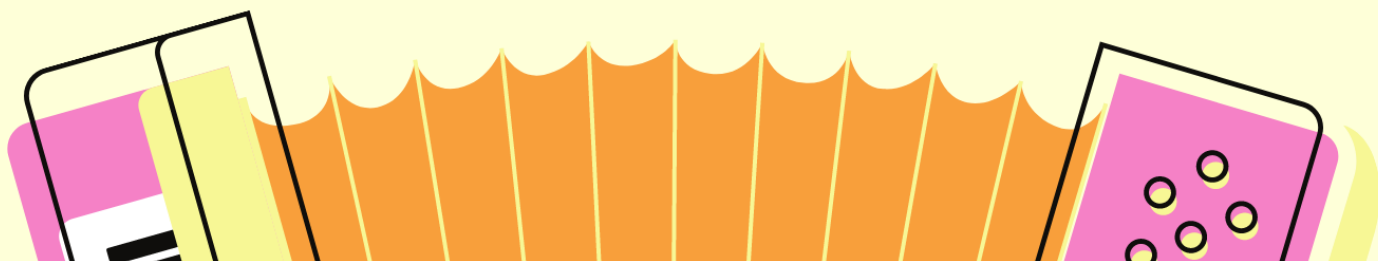


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						1 9:30am School PreK/K and 3-6 & Seder 3pm Afternoon Service with Jacob Simonson Bar Mitzvah
2	3 6:30 pm School 7&9 7pm School HS School Seder	4	5 Passover Eve 7:00 pm Passover Seder Dinner	6 Passover	7 Passover 8pm Passover Shabbat Service	8 Passover No Religious School
9 Passover	10 Passover Bulletin Deadline No Religious School	11 Passover 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	12 Passover	13 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Yom Hashoah Shabbat Service	15 No Religious School 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
16	17 6:30 pm School 7&8 7:30 pm Finance Committee	18 Yom HaShoah 7pm Sisterhood Book Presentation—Open to All Temple members	19 Here All Along Group Discussion Starts	20 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm Temple Board Meeting	21 7:15 pm Yom Haatzmaut & Family Service with Grades 1 & 2	22 9:30am School 1-6
23	24 6:30 pm School 7&9	25 Yom Hazikaron	26 Yom HaAtzmaut 1 pm B'nai Israel Singles Group	27 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal	28 8pm Shabbat Service	29 9:30am School PreK/K and 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
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	1 6:30 pm School 7&8 7pm High School	2 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	3	4 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Board of Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Fundraising Committee	5 8pm Shabbat Service	6 9:30am School 1-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
7	8 6:30 pm School 7&9	9 Lag B'Omer Event at SYJCC in Commack: B'nai Israel is part Sponsor	10 Bulletin Deadline	11 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12 7:15 pm Family Service	13 9:30am School PreK/K and 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
14	15 6:30 pm School 7&8 7:30 pm Finance Committee	16 7pm Sisterhood General Meeting	17	18 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Congregational Meeting 8:00 pm Board Meeting	19 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	20 9:30am School grades 1-6 & Festival 10am Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Scholl
21	22 6:30 pm School 7&9	23	24	25 Shavuot Eve 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Choir Rehearsal	26 Shavuot 6pm Shavuot Dinner 8pm Shabbat & Memorial Day Service	27 3:00 pm Afternoon Service with Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Decapua
28 Confirmation/Shavuot Service	29	30	31			

Condolences: The B'nai Israel Reform Temple extends its deepest condolences to the Gross family on the loss of Edith's son, Dr. David Rabinovici, OBM; to the Weber family on the loss of Paul's aunt, Lee Bialer; to the Zwaik family on the loss of Mitchell's mother, Vivian Zwaik, to the Epstein Family on the loss of George Epstein, and to the Waldman family on the loss of Sylvia's husband, Leonard Waldman. May they find comfort in the blessings of good memories that will always be theirs.



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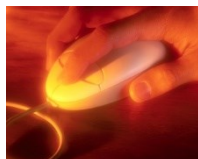
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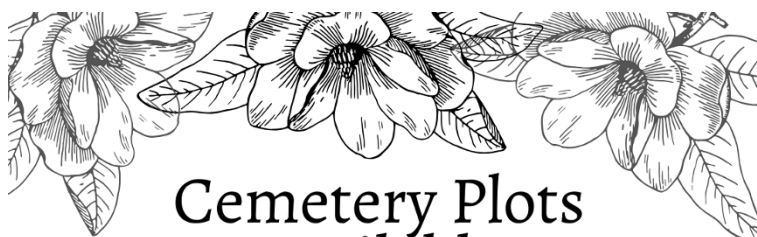
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