

# THE AARONION

## TEMPLE OF AARON'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Congregational Second Seder

Join us this year for a redesigned Second Seder at the Temple of Aaron on April 19 at 6:15 pm. As we move through the Haggada, we will explore what freedom means to each of us.

There will be song and food, and chances to read and participate in this innovative approach to celebrating Passover. Mail in your check or call with VISA.

**Adult Members: \$34**  
**Adult Non-members: \$38**  
**Children 12 & under: \$18**

### Passover Service Schedule

#### April 18

7:30 am Service, Study and First Born Breakfast

6:00 pm Mincha Service / First Seder

#### April 19

9:00 am Service followed by Kiddush

5:30 pm Mincha-Maariv

6:15 pm Congregational Seder

#### April 20

9:00 am Service followed by "Matzah Brei" Lunch

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

#### April 25

9:00 am Service followed by Kiddush 7th Day Passover

6:00 pm Mincha Maariv

#### April 26

9:00 am Service followed by Kiddush 8th Day Passover and Yizkor

6:00 pm Mincha/Maariv

*Herbert & Marcia Bernick Endowment provides Breakfast on April 18, 2011.*

*David A. Berg Family Endowment provides Kiddush on April 19, 25, 26, 2011.*

### Selling Hametz and the Maot Hittim (The Matzah Fund)

**Selling Hametz:** Jews do not eat Hametz on Passover. Hametz must be removed from our possession. To prevent great financial loss, it is possible to sell our Hametz for the duration of Passover. Hametz can be sold by contracting with Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein to be your agent in this sale. Please return your form (below) by 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2011.

**Maot Hittim: The Matzah Fund:** Passover can be an expensive holiday and there are those in our community who cannot afford to buy Matzah and wine for Seder. There are Jews in our community who go to bed hungry and cannot feed their families. As Passover approaches, we give out "Maot Hittim, or "money for wheat" a Matzah Fund to insure that all Jews can celebrate Passover and feed their families. We ask that you take some time to make a contribution to this important fund that provides food for Jews in our community and for Mazon, a nationwide Jewish response to hunger. Every dollar collected will go to feed the hungry. Make your check payable to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and be sure to mark it for "the Matzah Fund."

I designate Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein to be my agent in the sale of my Hametz for Passover 5771

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Donations for sale of Hametz should be made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and marked for "Sale of Hametz."*

*Donations for the Matzah Fund: Providing food for the hungry for Passover and beyond should be made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and marked for "The Matzah Fund."*

**All Donations must be at the synagogue office  
by 9:00 am on Monday, April 18, 2011**

# From the Rabbi's Desk . . .

## Like a Jewish Laser

Both research and personal stories point in the same direction when it comes to finding meaning in Judaism: focus. No matter which way we are currently connecting to Jewish tradition, the most effective way to deepen our connection is through personal, focused experiences. These connections can take many forms. Most of the time we actively seek them, but sometimes they happen to us. As the seasons change, I would like to suggest some ways we can find and use focused, Jewish experiences to increase our connection to tradition, to each other, and to the best within ourselves.

Given the month, let us begin with Passover. According to surveys of American Jews, more of us celebrate this holiday than any other (with the possible exception of the High Holydays). And the basic reasons are easy to understand. The focuses on family, and on food, are significant values in Judaism. Coming together for a meal is a basic way of bonding as a family, and the two seders allow us to see more of our extended family. But there is more work here. The intensity of the experience plays an important role. For two evenings, we focus on telling the central story of our tradition; the journey from slavery to freedom. We sit together for a meal that lasts longer than most, and each family has their own particular customs. The Passover seder makes an impact: consider hosting one this year; and don't forget the Temple of Aaron's congregational seder on April 19.

For young Jews, summer camp also makes a significant impact. The intensity of spending weeks with other Jews, learning, playing, laughing and celebrating, cannot be overstated. This is one of the best ways we can help our youth develop strong Jewish identities, and lifelong Jewish practices. And the secret is intensity. Removed from their "usual" lives, campers experience an immersive Jewish experience, where they learn that Judaism is not something you "do" but rather something you "are." If you are planning for a camp this summer, make it a Jewish one. If you would like more information, or are interested in ways you can help others get to camp, please contact me.

Sadly, many of us are too old for summer camp, and Passover comes by just once a year. If you are looking for another, more accessible and frequent experience that offers the benefits of an intense Jewish experience, may I suggest Shabbat and Daily minyan. The time commitment is small, but the intensity comes from regular repetition. Being at services more frequently helps us to understand the flow of the service and to allow us to comprehend the meaning behind the words. In addition, joining the service also means joining a community of fellow members on a regular basis, creating connections and lasting friendships. The intensity of prayer comes from making it a regular part of our week. Give it a try on weekday mornings at 7:30 am, evenings at 6 pm. Fridays at 8 pm and Shabbat and Sunday at 9 am.



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All of these examples of focused encounters are similar: they do not demand a great deal of us, but they do ask that we give some block of time and energy for a short period. The advantage of the intensity is that it can magnify the results. Like coaches who demand twice a day workouts, or classes that teach language by immersing you in it, the reward can be extraordinary. These are only a few of the ways we can use a focused experience to get the most out of our Judaism. If you try any of these suggestions, or if you would like additional recommendations, send me an email or give me a call.

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## Thanks to everyone who came out, supported the Purim Carnival, and helped make the day special!

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# Cantor's Column

## Let's All Sing Together

As Passover is approaching, so many things take me back to my childhood. I will never forget the first time that I chanted the four questions or as it is called the *MaNishtana*. I was nervous; I was only seven years old. I felt such a sense of pride for myself and for my entire family.

This holiday, as we all know, deals with the Exodus story. We all have different parts of our lives that we make a transition from one place to another. Whether that move is physically or spiritually, each and every one of us at some time in our life will need to have the courage to make their own personal Exodus.

This year I wanted to be able to make your family seder one that will be educational, fun, and filled with great joy. I am

offering the first 40 families a cassette that is called "Menorah to Matzah." This cassette contains songs of the holidays of Passover and Hanukah. It features most of the popular songs of these holidays and it is a wonderful way to refresh your family of these spiritual songs. The cassettes will be available for any family to pick up at the receptionist area. I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of this offer so that your seder can be filled with joy and meaning.

I hope that this Passover is a meaningful one for you and your entire family; and I also look forward to seeing as many of you possible for our Congregational Seder on Tuesday April 19 at 6:15 pm.

*Chag Sameach!*



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## We'll help you save for your child's trip to Israel

Passport to Israel is a St. Paul Jewish community program that helps families save money to send their teens on educational trips to Israel. It is a partnership between families, participating synagogues and the child. Any Jewish child in the St. Paul area can enroll. UJFC matching funds are available to families who make a gift to the UJFC Annual Campaign. Enroll at Temple of Aaron and each spring we will notify you when it is time to make your deposit in your child's Passport account. The synagogue will send your deposit (\$150) and the synagogue's match (\$50) to the UJFC where the community match will be added. Each year your child will have an additional \$350 added into their account (plus interest if any). For complete details, check out Passport to Israel at [www.JewishStPaul.org](http://www.JewishStPaul.org) or contact Sharyn Effress Pesses at 651-695-3186 or [SPesses@ujfc.org](mailto:SPesses@ujfc.org).



## APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We display every 5 years and all anniversaries of more than 50 years

מזל טוב

- 10 Mindy and Josh Rutzick
- 15 Hindy and Scott Tankenoff
- 52 Judi and Bunny Kuller
- 52 Toba and Allen Freeman
- 53 Rhoda and Gene Engelson
- 57 Helene and Jim Biglow
- 59 Bea and Arthur Levitt
- 64 Rose and Bill Meltzer

## Annual Freedom Seder April 21

The Jewish Recovery Network (JRN) will host their annual Freedom Seder celebrating our Exodus from Slavery and also our Freedom from Addiction at Beth El on Thursday, April 21, which is led by Rabbi Avi Olitzky. A special JRN Haggadah recognizing freedom from addiction is used. Registration is at 5:30 pm and the service at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person, children under 10 are \$11.00, and financial assistance is available for a full kosher Seder meal. Reservations should be in by April 7. Please call Stan at 763-544-4446 for reservations or further information.

## Matzah Brei Luncheon

Following morning services on April 20, matzah brei lunch and sponge cake will be served in memory of Bessie and Morris Mayeron, who believed deeply in our tradition.

Their children established this permanent endowment in their loving memory.

All are invited at no charge. Stay for an interesting discussion.

## May 27 at 6:05 is Fun Shabbat Dinner

Make your reservation today via phone call, email, check or credit card. Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and Cantor Kowitz will lead a warm Shabbat dinner program where you can sit with family, friends while also meeting new people. Make time on your calendar and look for more program details and value pricing!

# Department of Youth Services



**Robby Erlich**  
Youth Director

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## APRIL

- 2 USY and Kadima go to Skyzone!  
Time: 8:00 PM-10:30 PM
- 3 B'reshet Chocolate Seder 12pm
- 14-17 USY Kallah! Thursday at 3pm -  
Sunday at 3pm
- 23 USY Shabbat!

## MAY

- 22 Temple of Aaron Block party!!!  
11:30-2:30 pm
- 27-29 CMT-Friday at 3 – Sunday at 2pm
- 30 Twin City-wide Valleyfair!  
Time: TBD

## Come Join The Fun!

Date: May 27-29  
for 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders!

This weekend is sure to be a BLAST!  
Come hang out with all your  
Temple of Aaron friends,  
have fun and more!

CMT 2011 Chairs:  
Matthew Bernick, Lauren Oskey and  
Alexis Burbul

For more information, see Robby!

## Back To The 80's Review

By Robby Erlich

Working on "Back To The 80's" has been truly a great experience for not only myself, but for our youth, professional staff, Temple of Aaron staff, parent volunteers and audience members as well. Every facet of a program this magnitude received great feedback from all stakeholders involved. Most importantly, our USY and Kadima members received the greatest benefit-building friendship, making memories and working in a Jewish environment for Temple of Aaron. Thank you again to our dedicated members, parents and congregants for making the play process and performances meaningful.



TEMPLE OF AARON YOUTH<sup>BLVD</sup>

Thank you to Faye and Lois for all their hard work on putting this production together and sharing their vision with our kids. To Aaron, Maria, Kara and Eddie – thank you for sharing your great talents with our kids. To Jim Strohm and crew – the amount of heart you put into our set was tremendous! Sarah Bloomberg and Michelle Perle – you guys made Tech Week a smooth process, not to mention your great hair and makeup skills! Lisa Lerman, Polly Saxon, Amy Kaye, Cheryl Bier, Lisa Bernick, Marissa Rosenblum, Barb Weil, and Wendy Oskey – thank YOU for your great work on making this play a huge success! Temple of Aaron Clergy and Staff – the play was a team effort and I thank you for your support and willingness to contribute.

Not only through this year's play, but through chapter programming and regional programming, our youth receive great life-long benefits in being in our youth group. We look forward to the remainder of our programming year and to our continued success.

*Chairs Faye Feinstein and Lois Bloomberg, staff, play members and parents wish to thank the below donators and advertisers for your generous support to our 2011 youth play!*

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# Lilmod U'lilamed — “To Teach and to Learn”- Pirkei Avot

## ללמד וללמד



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### Attention incoming 11th and 12th graders:

Sign up now to be a part of Noar Connection. This Israel Seminar will begin in the Fall Culminating in a trip to Israel December 22-31. Sign-up deadline May 1. Contact Joshua Fineblum with any questions.

We are beginning to close in on the end-of-the-year activities and are excited for what is coming in the next few months. We begin the end-of-the-year programming with our annual Silver Kepah and Greenie Beanie for 5th and 6th graders on Shabbat morning April 30. We are so happy with the way our students are progressing and they will “show off” these skills in the main sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our end-of-the-year programming will continue with a St. Paul celebration of Yom Ha’atzmaut on May 15 with a walk for Israel and community celebration. Please refer to the flyer on page 11 for more information.

We have had such dedicated educators here at Temple of Aaron and both Wendy Baldinger and Tracey Agranoff have both given so much to our children for the past 25 and 18 years respectively. Both of these amazing teachers are retiring at the end of this year from their respective positions. While they will not have their same school duties they will be coming back to do some special programming for us throughout the year. We will be honoring Tracey and Wendy later this spring. Please join us in giving them the sendoff they deserve for their years of service here at Temple of Aaron.

On Friday evening June 3 we will be holding our 7th grade graduation and 10th grade honors graduation. The next morning will then be honoring all of our teachers who have educated our children this year. Please join us on that Shabbat morning to honor those people who have impacted your children’s education this year.

Our year comes to a close with our annual Confirmation ceremony on June 7. Over 20 Confirmands will end their formal education here at Temple of Aaron. They have learned so much over the years and are now just beginning to understand where and how they fit in as Jews in the greater fabric of society.

While we are looking toward all of these events and programs to end the year we are also beginning registration for the coming year. When you receive your packet at home for registration please return it to us so we can ensure that all the tools are in place to begin school once again next year. We are already in those planning stages and are looking forward to another amazing year Fall 2011.

We are looking forward to seeing you at all of these programs as we end our educational year.

### Midat Hachodesh: Cheroot — Freedom

Another important Value for us as Jews is Cheroot — Freedom. During this time of year we move from the courage of Esther and Mordechai to the idea of freedom and the time of Pesach. During this time of year we are hopefully freeing ourselves from the snow, cleaning off the dust, and getting ready to talk of the freedom our ancestors had during the time of exodus from Egypt. Each year we sit around our Seder tables and discuss the freeing of the slaves from Egypt, but what does that freedom represent for us today? Did the people really understand what it was to be free? During the wandering of the Jews in the desert we find out that they did not know how to be free and live on their own and a generation of people eventually dies out during the wandering so that we can truly be a free people. Today we have freedoms that our ancestors did not have. We have choices that give us the opportunities to thrive for what we want in life and the chance to live our lives as free Jews today. Have you thought about what freedoms you have in your life?

### April 30, 2011: Silver Kepah/Greenie Beanie

7th Grade Graduation will now be held June 3 in conjunction with 10th grade honors graduation

### Mazal Tov to Our Adar Auction Winners

# Thank You *Todah Rabah*

# תודה רבה



נחמו נחמו עמי

*Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away*

**Sylvia Niedorf  
Meri Goldberg**

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**Jessie Swaden  
Cecelia Waldman**

Thank you (*todah rabah*) to those listed below who supported our Yahrzeit Fund in memory of loved ones with donations of \$10 or more  
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Edelstein, Rebecca  
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## תודה רבה

... to grandchildren Lisa Herman, Stacy Danov, Cory & Dana Herman, Ross & Kim Herman, and Justin and Melissa Berkowitz and great grandchildren Daniel, Tyler, Alexis, Carly and Aidan Herman. They joined together to honor the memory of their grandmother Sylvia Berkowitz by donating a permanent dedicated sanctuary seat plate in Capp Lounge. It is a thoughtful way to keep the memory of their loved one alive while helping the synagogue pursue its mission to help members of all ages. ... to Delia Sevak, Anita Ernst and Betty Agranoff for labeling 1,100 March *Aaronions*. ... to Marvin and Ossie Perlman Flower Fund for adding beauty to our *bemah* for Passover *Yizkor*. ... to all who participated in the bylaws updating approved by a vote of 348-3.

## Upper Midwest Region of Hadassah Spring Conference, April 30 - May 2 in Minneapolis

The Spring Conference will take place at the Sheraton West Minneapolis located directly across from Ridgedale Mall, Saturday evening, April 30, through Monday, May 2. The Region invites you to come for this fantastic weekend. The Conference itself will be full of fun and learning. Meet Hadassah's nominee for National President, Marcie Natan, and share your ideas with her.

Sunday morning starts out with a Zumba session with Judy Victor and the Annual Membership Meeting with breakfast. Following are educational sessions — using membership and fundraising tools, and learning how to put humor and order in your life. The day continues with a delicious installation lunch with keynote speaker Marcie Natan. The afternoon program, entitled “Combating World-Wide De-legitimization of Israel,” features Andrew D. Parker and Charles N. Nauen, Esquires. Invite your husband/associates to join you for lunch and the

program. For a special full convention discount rate bring along your daughter or daughter-in-law!

Participate in our community Yom Hashoah program, Sunday evening, at Bet Shalom Congregation.

Monday evening will be the Region's Big Gifts Dinner at the Calhoun Beach Club (for all donors of \$1,000 or more in the past year).

Contact the Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel to make your reservations by April 12. Phone 952-593-0000 or online at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/hadassah2011>. Tell them you are attending the Hadassah Conference to get the special rate of \$69 for a single or double room.

Contact Susan Divine ([susan.divine@comcast.net](mailto:susan.divine@comcast.net)) or Debbie Slutsker ([debbie-slutsker@comcast.net](mailto:debbie-slutsker@comcast.net)), Conference Co-chairs, for questions.

## Passover Is Almost Here

Passover celebrates the escape from slavery in Egypt and reminds us of the importance of continuing the battle for freedom in every generation.

During Passover, Jews cannot eat bread or products that ferment. To help the poor purchase needed items for Passover, the Talmud encourages us to collect funds and share them. The book of Exodus explains how the Egyptian first-born were slain and the Jewish first-born spared thus leading to the custom of the first-born fasting on the day before Passover starts.

We call items not usable during Passover chametz and our tradition says we remove them from our homes. We eat matzah to remind us of our rapid departure from Egypt. Exodus says, "They took up their dough before it had time to leaven." Over centuries, the Passover Seders evolved to include a festive meal, symbolic foods, psalms and reciting the haggadah. This book provides instructions as it tells the dramatic story of our exodus from Egypt. Haggadahs have changed numerous times as Jews all over the world choose to make it more meaningful or modern or understandable for children. The seder plate often has six symbolic foods: bitter herbs (maror), vegetable (karpas), a more bitter vegetable (chazeret), nut and apple mixture (charoset), roasted shankbone of poultry (zeroa), and a hardboiled egg (baytza).

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## Harlan Stern Steps Forward Volunteer to Greet People Friday Nights

Membership Committee member Harlan Stern has volunteered to contact Membership Committee Members/ Board Members to be greeters on Friday nights at the Temple of Aaron and will be setting up a calendar. Harlan has been active in this area of the Synagogue for many years. Email him or contact him by phone if you wish to volunteer. His email and telephone number are: harlanst@comcast.net or 651-686-7125.

## Celebrate 100 Years with JFS on May 8, 2011

Join in as the community celebrates the incredible accomplishments of Jewish Family Service for the first 100 years and kick-off the next 100 years of making a real difference in the lives of many. The celebration begins at 6:30 pm at the historic James J. Hill House on Sunday, May 8. Enjoy a concert by members of the SPCO, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine and docent-led tours of the Hill House.

In the spring of 1911, six prominent Jewish businessmen drafted a Document of Incorporation for The Jewish Charities of St. Paul: Ambrose Guiterman, a respected St. Paul business leader who would serve as the first president of the new agency; Ben Baer, President of American National Bank in St. Paul and former pioneer in Deadwood, SD; Paul G. Bremer; Charles Straus, wholesale milliner; Adolph Hirschman, Mesabi mine owner and wholesale liquor distributor; and Charles Bechhoefer, US Commissioner and later first Jewish Minnesotan to be elevated to the District Judicial Bench.

These pioneers in the area of Tikkun Olam began what is now Jewish Family Service of St. Paul. Their passion for helping others has helped thousands of people live with respect and dignity. JFS has been the lifeline for new immigrants, the unemployed and our aging parents. Over the last 10 decades the needs of the community-at-large in the Highland Park and West 7th neighborhoods have been served in addition to those of the Jewish community. JFS prides itself on assisting people of any background who need a boost to achieve independence. Visit website at <http://www.jfssp.org/> for more information or call 651-698-0767

### Judaism Is Not a Spectator Sport

The future of our minyan will belong to those who have passion and are willing to work hard to make our minyan work on a regular basis.

## Enjoy the Neighborhood House Experience at the Wellstone Center on St. Paul's Historic West Side

Over 100 years ago, Mt. Zion founded Neighborhood House on the West side of St. Paul to help immigrants adjust to life in America. The organization continues to thrive, introducing people from around the world to American culture and the Jewish community remains active in its connection, as board members, volunteers, donors, and staff. In 2006, Neighborhood House celebrated moving into a new building, The Wellstone Center, which serves as a living memorial to Senator Paul and Sheila Wellstone, and is used in celebration of community gatherings, from corporate galas to Bar/Bat Mitzvahs to weddings.

When planning your next meeting or event, consider a new experience: The Neighborhood House Experience at the Wellstone Center. Our 9,300 square foot facility offers a wide range of distinctive venues for any size or style of event and will change the way you think about hosting. We provide a unique setting for intimate groups of ten or twenty, banquet rooms perfect for 75 to 120, performance space seating for 250, or an open gymnasium for up to 800.

Headquartered in this five-year-young, state-of-the-art facility, with ample parking, is a 113 year-old non-profit organization, the Neighborhood House, a multi-cultural, multi-lingual resettlement center that helps immigrant, refugee, and low-income populations achieve self-stabilization through basic needs, adult education, and youth leadership programs. We can arrange event packages that include volunteer and community service offerings for your guests, themed events and more, all in an effort to offer a unique experience, The Neighborhood House Experience.

When you select The Neighborhood House Experience at the Wellstone Center for your next meeting or event, you support the mission of stabilizing families and breaking the cycle of poverty. For more information or to book your event today, please contact Julie Gotlieb, Community Space Sales Manager, at 651-789-2563 or [jgotlieb@neighb.org](mailto:jgotlieb@neighb.org)

## Membership Committee Spotlight on ...

David grew up in Highland Park and his family joined the Temple of Aaron when he was a very young boy. David attended religious school, was active in USY and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Temple of Aaron.

David and his wife, Kristin, and their sons, Sam and Max, now reside in Mendota Heights. Both boys attend Friendly Hills Middle School as well as Temple of Aaron's Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School. Sam is currently studying for his Bar Mitzvah this coming October.

Besides being a part of services as a Gabbai (the person who helps with the Torah during the service) David currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Temple of Aaron with hopes that his small time contribution can effectuate growth and prosperity for our next generation of members.

Giving our next generation of members the same opportunities that he had to enjoy. Lifecycle events are very meaningful to David and he feels his kids have the same values and beliefs that were instilled in him. He enjoys being a part of the institution that gave him the beliefs and structure that he values today.

David is always willing to help people. When he is not networking, he is helping people with his business of financial and insurance needs.

Thank you David for being a part of the Temple of Aaron family.

— Jim Leventhal —



Kristin, David, Max, and Sam

### HONOR A LIFETIME OF GIVING!

The annual opportunity to bestow Temple of Aaron's Ner Tamid award to a deserving individual at the Selichot service on Saturday, September 24, 2011 is here. It is an opportunity that each of us should actively consider.

This year, as Temple of Aaron did in 2008 and 2009, we will honor a single individual who has had a considerable history of volunteerism at Temple of Aaron. He or she will be a person who we as a congregation feel has had a continuing and visible impact on the welfare and vitality on Temple of Aaron's membership for a protracted period of time. He or she will be a long-time member of our congregation.

Personally, I know that I would have loved to have had the opportunity to honor a member of the congregation where I grew up with an award like the Ner Tamid award. There, a man I came to know as "Uncle Joe" would personally go and buy the breakfast every Sunday morning before minyan and then stay to clean up. He would also be there for services on Saturday and the high holydays. Uncle Joe was a volunteer and served as the Shammes, though, at the time, I had no understanding of the function. Well, the congregation no longer exists but my memory of "Uncle Joe" still remains. How I wish we had had a Ner Tamid award then so that we could have truly honored his multiple efforts every week and been able to say "Thank you." This is your chance in 2011.

The Ner Tamid ballot to be used to nominate a potential honoree for the Ner Tamid award is available at Temple of Aaron (a small pile of the forms is available outside the office) or will be provided via email upon request to Dave Rosner (haskell47@msn.com) or Ken Agranoff. The forms must be completed and returned (either in hard copy in a sealed envelope to Ken's attention at the office) or via email to Dave by no later than Friday, May 13, 2011. The Keruv committee will then review each application, conduct interviews as necessary and then make a single formal nomination to the Board of Directors at the June Board meeting.

Please keep the following in mind: It is OK to nominate a relative. If you feel that your mother or father (or grandparent), your spouse, or some other relative deserves the Ner Tamid award, please take the time to make the nomination. Obviously, multiple nominations of the same individual can only help to support consideration. The identity of the people making the nomination will have no bearing on the Keruv committee's considerations. It is only the history of the effort of the individuals nominated that will matter. Please feel free to contact Dave Rosner at 651-686-0895 if you have any questions.

— Dave Rosner, Keruv Chair

### Tuesday Book Club — 6:30 p.m.

April 12 - *A Book Thief* - Zuzak

May 17 - *Rashi's Daughter (1)* - Maggie Anton

June 21 - *An Execution in the Family* - Robert Meeropol

July 19 - *The Last Jew* - Noah Gordon

Call Deb Bachrach with questions:  
651-690-4130



## The Unsung Heroes of the Temple of Aaron

Renee Kvasnik, Membership Chairperson

Everyone that's a member at the Temple of Aaron has their own unique story. The most-asked question to me as Membership Chairperson is, "How many Members do we have?" Can you imagine we have several thousand individuals, each with their own story, going from short stories of newborns, to long stories of those living in their nineties?

There are hundreds of unsung heroes amongst our congregants, those that keep things going in many ways, that are visible and invisible. Opportunities are here at the Synagogue – are we going to stay stuck or are we going to move forward? The path for the Temple of Aaron has always been to be on the edge of new traditions. Our membership is so varied from many walks of life, previous religious backgrounds or families diversified with multiple religions. We at the Temple of Aaron are opening doors every day to be inclusive with our traditions. This includes our daily Minyan and Shabbat Services. Since our inception 100 years ago we have moved forward.

Where do you see yourself? Many unsung heroes, not looking for publicity, attend daily services knowing how special it is for those saying Kaddish or having a Yahrzeit to have others with them in the Leifman Chapel at our twice-a-day services. Our beautiful singing choir and instrumental Erev Shabbat Live group are opportunities to expand your musical desire and share with the Congregation. Our Board of Directors of congregants is constantly hearing the desires of the numerous committees and attempting to keep up with the evolution of a changing congregation's needs.

Speaking to visiting church and school groups is done by congregants who

delight in sharing the beauty of our Synagogue and telling their own personal perception of the Service our guests will be attending and participating in.

Become a member of the Ritual Committee with those unsung heroes who meet every-other month. With a diversity of ideas, but realizing it's a new day, and moving in the direction of today, balancing tradition with modern ideas makes this the best time to belong to the Temple of Aaron. We are opening up new doors each time we meet. New participants are welcomed on this committee.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are avenues to gain new friends, become leaders and be a part of the numerous programs. Our Sisterhood Gift Shop gives opportunities for continuous connections with all those coming to make purchases with a substantial gift each year that is given to refurbish the Synagogue. The volunteers spending countless hours are among our unsung heroes. The Men's Club having a congregant sponsored breakfast each Sunday or filling in when necessary brings friendship to our members.

Our many teachers and teenage tutors for the Sunday School and Hebrew School bring education to our children. They fulfill the Mitzvah of no child left behind with care and patience working to achieve with our Director of Education and Youth Director that we will be number one in Jewish Education along with our Rabbi, Hazzan and Ritual Director. Our flourishing and growing Toddler program that includes parents to start out early with the basic religious education and friendships. Music with guitar and the leader of their programs teaches them all the familiar Jewish Melodies. All of these people are the

unsung dedicated heroes of the Temple of Aaron.

Custodial staff that keep our beautiful Temple of Aaron warm in the winter and cool in the summer and clean beyond expectation while barely being visible are invaluable to us. The small professional office staff that turn out the weekly brochures, Aaronion, hundreds of Yahrzeit notices, our email information, web site and receive phone calls for the multitude of reasons that come into a Synagogue keep extremely busy but always patient. These are part of the unsung heroes whose names are known by few but they keep the wheels turning.

Our Social Justice Committee, unsung heroes are active in Community Health Care, Housing and many issues that affect us all. They are always striving to make this world a better place and encourage new volunteers to join them.

I have written this without names striving to show the multitude of many hundreds that are the composition of our Synagogue. Rabbis are the spiritual leaders and all of the components of unsung heroes put this huge, continuously evolving in progress great Temple of Aaron together.

We welcome New Members and our slogan "You're Always Welcome at the Temple of Aaron" is just the place to be.

Go to Temple of Aaron website [www.templeofaaron.org](http://www.templeofaaron.org) to find an application and information or contact me, Renee Kvasnik, [rkvasnik@aol.com](mailto:rkvasnik@aol.com) or 651-690-2327, Membership Committee Chairperson. Join the Temple of Aaron now and we will take you places you've never been.



### Mazal tov

Congratulations to Andrea and Danny Dobrin on the recent February baby naming for their daughter Nyla Rose and to the proud grandparents Linda & Barry Gersick, Cecilia & Steven Dobrin and great grandmother member Rose Goldsmith

### SPIN Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community

Rabbi Amy Eilberg will lead a seder commencing at 5:00 pm at Mt Zion. For info, contact [rebamy@eilberg.com](mailto:rebamy@eilberg.com).

### 2011 Cemetery Flower Planting Season

Mersini Parker will again provide flower plantings at our Roseville cemetery. Call her at 651-407-0532 before April 15, 2011 to discuss pricing options. If you prefer to plant your own flowers, she has a care-only option for weeding and watering so please call her.

# Sisterhood News

**Regional Conference of Women's League for Conservative Judaism** – May 15-17, 2011 – sponsored by Temple of Aaron. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This year's theme: "Kehillah Kedoshah—Celebrating Community: Woman to Woman." Marcia Taple (651-688-3030) and Barbara Gitlin (651-454-7908) are the local conference chairs. We will be sponsoring a hospitality suite at the airport Hilton and will be responsible in a variety of ways for making this event run smoothly – GET INVOLVED!! Here is a taste of some of the programs that are being planned: Name That Jew, Teenage Jewish Girls' Issues, Critical Issues Facing Jewish Communities Here and Abroad, Laughter Yoga and a Tribute to Debbie Friedman. Come and bond with your fellow Sisterhoods, get a jump start on creativity and have a great time. Call our chairs NOW to help out.

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**Book Club** – The schedule for the next several months is: April 17th – Happy Marriage by Rafael Yglesias; May 15th – Good for the Jews by Debra Spark; June 19th – The Big Kahn by Neil Kleid. The group meets on the third Sunday of the month at The Highland Café and Bakery in Highland Park at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the latest read. Questions, call Teddy Gerr (651-405-6658).

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**Gift Shop Items for Passover** – Start getting ready for Passover and pick out all your holiday necessities at the Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. Check out the new Haggadot for this year's seder.

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**Knitting Club** - This group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Temple Library. All levels are encouraged to come, chat and learn. Bring your own needles and yarn. Feel free to come and crochet if that is your preference. Don't know how to knit, no problem – come and learn. What a great way to warm up our snow-filled evenings once a month. Questions, call Roxanne Portnoy at 651-690-2232.

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**Building Fund Cards** – What are they? Find out! These cards are always available for all occasions. Using these multi-purpose cards directly benefits our beautiful building and they are only a phone call away. NO shopping, no driving to the post office, no stamps, no hassle. Stay warm inside and still send your cards for those special events. Questions, call Sis Goren at 651-686-0425, Susan Kushner at 651-454-8336, or treasurer Betty Agranoff at 651-698-8275.

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**Food Shelf** – Donations of food items may be dropped off at Temple of Aaron and placed in the cart in the coat room at any time. If you would prefer a monetary donation, send your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Foodshelf, to Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, MN 55122. Questions, call Harriet at 651-454-6829.

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## 2011 – 2013 Sisterhood New Slate of Officers:

President – Marcia Taple; Fundraising Vice President – Margie Schneider; Membership Vice President – Roxanne Portnoy; Treasurer – Marcella Kahn; Financial Secretary – Linda Eisenstadt; Recording Secretary – Paula Schrabner; Gift Shop Chair – Marcia Taple; Gift Shop Treasurer – Etta Lambright; Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Kaster; Notification Secretary – Susan Kushner;

## Sisterhood Board Members:

Betty Agranoff, Julienne Applebaum, Lori Bellin, Phyllis Brody, Susan Flynn, Alexandria Ganzel, Teddy Gerr, Barbara Gitlin, Maureen Gitlin, Shari Lowenthal, Lori Marks, Matzie Miller, Amy Miller Stern, Barbara Pogoler, Frances Rosen, Gail Rosenberg, Sue Schwartz, Rebecca Shavit-Lonstein, Bonnie Tyszelman  
**Many thanks to the Nominating Committee** – Linda Eisenstadt, Karen Engelbretson, Susan Flynn, Teddy Gerr, Lori Marks, Amy Miller Stern and Marcia Taple

## SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP 651-699-9192

New Tallitot  
Yads

Giftware & Judaica

Shop Early - Shop Often!  
We Gift Wrap!

*Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
& Bridal Registry*

We now carry  
Michael Aram



Can't Think of What to Buy?  
We Offer Gift Cards!

Support Your Sisterhood Gift Shop  
Support Your Synagogue

### Open Hours:

Sunday 9:00 - Noon  
Tuesday 10:00 - 2:00  
Wednesday 10:00 - 1:00  
and 6:00 - 8:00

By Appointment Call:  
Marcia Taple / 651-688-3030

Installation of our Temple of Aaron Sisterhood new Board and Officers will be on Thursday, June 2 at our closing dinner program, with vocalist Heidi Ziman. Any additional nominations need to be given in writing to Marcia Taple by May 25 – call her with questions at 651-688-3030. Watch for more info to follow regarding this program.

## Membership Committee Works Together to Support 2011 USY Play with an Ad

- (1) Jim Leventhal - Creator of Spotlight in Aaronion, Prev. Chr. of Memb. Comm.
- (2) Jennifer Schwartz - Sings in Choir and many of our Musical Solos
- (3) Gary Portnoy - Past Pres. of Men's Club, V.P. of Temple of Aaron
- (4) Nancy Miller
- (5) Harvey Miller - Helped with Welcome to Sholom at Temple of Aaron
- (6) Julie Sander - Keeps our Memb. website current - Prev. Chr. of Memb. Comm.
- (7) Marcia Taple - Coordinated Sisterhood for Welcome New Members to Temple of Aaron, Gift Shop Chairperson
- (8) Morrie Katz - Ner Tamid - Contact for Sunday Breakfasts
- (9) Nancy Lane - Past Temple of Aaron Pres. Coordinates with our Military
- (10) Janie Berg
- (11) David Berg - Sponsor many Holiday Refreshments to Bring Members to Temple of Aaron
- (12) Harlan Stern - Coordinates ushers for Welcome to Services
- (13) Hugh Gitlin - Men's Club Pres. Welcomes people to services - Made Cert. for Welcome to Sholom Home Night
- (14) Walter Kvasnik - Helped with Sholom Night Welcome and Cent. events
- (15) Renee Kvasnik - Chr. of Memb. Comm.
- (16) Mary Clark - Helped with Sholom night - Greeter at Services
- (17) Neil Gitlin Head Usher to Welcome All
- (18) Barbara Gitlin - Calligraphy for Welcome New Member night Cert.
- (19) Jonathan Kvasnik
- (20) Becca Kvasnik - Chair of Centennial Year and worked on Committees
- (21) Matt O'Brien - Coordinated family set up a Scholarship Endowment for Stephanie that will help Adults for Bar/Bat Mitzvah - Classes, Welcomes people at Services
- (22) Betty Agranoff Ner Tamid - Welcomes people, Worked on Welcome Sholom and also Welcome New Members
- (23) Fran Rosen - Worked on Welcome Sholom and Welcome New Members
- (24) Carol Goldstein - Welcomes people to services - Worked on Sholom and New Member Welcome
- (25) Joel Paper
- (26) Rachael Goldberger Paper - Our Connection to the Toddler Program

The Membership Committee has provided a wonderful example of the power of a committee working together and thinking creatively to strengthen activities at the synagogue.

## Men's Club Shabbat weekend is April 8, 9 and 10

We will be kicking off the weekend with a very special event -

### "Aaron's Wild Wings"

Featuring a Buffalo Wings style dinner at 6:15.

A group of us will be getting together Friday afternoon to grill and bake a whole lot of wings. Fingers crossed that they come out as good as that place with a similar name, but theirs ain't Kosher, ours are!

Your job is to join us in eating them.

6 wings plus sides, salad and beverage.

\$12 for adults

\$7 for ages 12-4

Free for under 4

RSVP is REQUIRED by Tuesday April 5.

via email to George Bier, [george@thebierfamily.com](mailto:george@thebierfamily.com) or leave him a voice message at 651-788-0157.

Be sure to indicate number of people and ages.

Payment expected and accepted at the door (since it is prior to Shabbat), but not once dinner starts.

Casual Erev Shabbat Live Style Service to follow at 8:00 p.m. with some new melodies and some old favorites in the half-round in Greenberg hall.

It should be a Ruach-filled evening!

— George Bier

## Join the St. Paul Jewish Community In Celebrating Israel!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**May 15, 2011  
Iyar 11**

**11:00 AM**



Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration includes:

- Celebration and Walk for Israel
- Live Entertainment from Israel Partnership
- Authentic Israeli Cuisine
- Fun and Games for All Ages!

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

**RAIN or SHINE**

**Questions?**

**Alisa Warshavsky  
Israeli Emissary  
(651) 353-2670**

[alisa.warshavsky@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.warshavsky@gmail.com)

Co-sponsors: United Jewish Fund & Council, St. Paul JCC, Adath Israel, Beth Jacob, Chabad-Lubavitch, Hillel at the University of Minnesota, Jewish Community Relations Council, Mount Zion, Sholom Community Alliance, Talmud Torah of St. Paul and Temple Of Aaron.

## We will Help Caregivers with Solid Advice

At Temple of Aaron, we have many members who are caregivers. Some are part-time and some are full-time. We all want the best for our loved ones but the caregivers need consideration, too. St. Paul's Jewish Family Service has offered to help our caregivers in providing assistance to our loved ones by importing important knowledge and advice to the caregivers. If you want to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, we will be meeting on Sunday, April 10 at 10:30am-12:00 noon at Temple of Aaron. Please join us as we consider forming a support group to help each other get through very challenging times in our lives. RSVP your attendance to Kathy Berg at 651-698-8874, ext. 107.

## TEMPLE OF AARON PESACH GUIDE 2011/5771

### KOSHER FOODS FOR PESACH, PERMITTED FOODS FOR PESACH:

DO NOT REQUIRE Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased PRIOR to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives. (General Foods coffees are NOT kosher for Pesach unless marked KP), sugar, pure tea, non iodized salt, pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen raw vegetables, milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), Muenster (semisoft), and Camembert (soft), frozen raw fruit with no additives, baking soda. Canned Tuna Fish in water (not vegetable broth).

DO NOT REQUIRE Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased BEFORE or DURING Pesach: Fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

REQUIRE a Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased BEFORE or DURING Pesach: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled juices, canned tuna in vegetable broth or oil, wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda.

REQUIRE a Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased DURING Pesach: Processed Foods: (canned, bottled, or frozen foods), milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, fish and foods listed in the preceding paragraph.

### KOSHER L'PESACH LABELS:

Caveat emptor, "Let the buyer beware," especially during Pesach! The most important thing to remember when buying food for Passover is to read all labels with care. Although a product may or may not have a statement reading kosher l'Pesach, it cannot be relied upon without some official trademark indicating rabbinic supervision. The most common symbol is the OU, the circled-U symbol found on the labels of many commercial and consumer food products. If the product is kosher l'Pesach the OU will be accompanied by a "P" signifying Passover, or the statement "kosher l'Pesach." A "K" or "KP" is not a copyrighted symbol and therefore is not a reliable symbol for the kashrut status of foods. The label should be a part of the product label, not just a sticker on the product.

Most rabbis who are involved with the supervision of kosher foods have their own symbol which is placed on the label of various food products. If you are not familiar with a particular symbol, please feel comfortable consulting with Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein for advice.

### PREPARING THE HOUSE FOR PESACH

During the festival of Pesach we are obligated to be very zealous in the preparation of our homes for the holiday. It is best to clean the rest of the house before one cleans the kitchen. Most of the house just needs a good cleaning. Family members should stop eating in rooms other than the kitchen/dining room. Closets and drawers should be examined and all food removed. Don't forget to check backpacks, camping equipment, cars and boats for stray food. Try and use up all non-Passover food prior to the holiday. Vacuum under furniture and even remove the cushions from upholstered chairs and sofas. You may as well get rid of all that food at the office as well. Food that has fallen into cracks and crevices does not need to be removed if not easy to reach. Children can participate in the process by cleaning their own rooms and searching for crumbs, and any residue of Hametz.

The next step in koshering a home for Pesach is to attack the kitchen! Begin by taking inventory of all foodstuffs and removing all chametz and all other food inappropriate for use during Pesach. Store this food in a closet or cupboard, or donate it to a food bank. The storage compartment should be locked or secured to prevent entry during the holiday. This will be sold for the duration of Pesach. You will need to sign the document at the Temple that makes the Rabbi your agent to sell this Hametz on your behalf.

Having removed the inappropriate foodstuffs from the kitchen, the remaining cupboards must be cleaned and lined.

Many families have separate sets of dishes, pots, pans, and utensils used only for Pesach. Since these objects have never been in contact with chametz, they require no special preparation prior to their use. Kitchen objects which have been used during the year and have been in contact with chametz require an appropriate kashering process before they are used during Pesach. (Not all objects can be koshered for Pesach - please consult a knowledgeable authority for advice.)

The kashering laws are based upon the principle stated in the Talmud, *k'volokakh polto*, "As the vessel absorbs so does it rid itself of what is absorbed." (*Pesachim* 30a) Utensils used for broiling must be koshered by heating over an open fire, objects used for cooking are koshered by immersion in boiling water, and utensils used only for cold food may be koshered by rinsing. The four methods used for koshering utensils are:

1. **Hagalah**-immersion in boiling water
2. **Libun**-fire
3. **Iru**-pouring water over a surface
4. **Milui v'irui**-soaking in cold water

Do not go overboard buying things for Pesach. Unless you are making Seder for 40 people, just some simple kitchen implements are all that should be needed. Many people use paper and throw-away items for the week to keep it simple.

Then onto the rest of the kitchen: stove, countertops, oven, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, sinks, and all other objects which have had contact with chametz must be thoroughly cleansed and koshered for Pesach. Those objects which cannot be purged of their chametz, (formica on kitchen countertops, for example) and are a necessity during Pesach, are covered with a secondary material.

With the kitchen purged of chametz, the kosher l'Pesach dishes and utensils are placed in their cupboards and the kitchen is ready for Pesach.



# Social Justice - A Volunteer Committee

## MEMBERS ASSIST IN COMMUNITY WEALTH DAY

On February 24, Temple of Aaron members assisted at COMMUNITY WEALTH DAY at the Central Corridor Resource Center in St. Paul. This day was organized by the St. Paul Fair Lending Coalition and coordinated by Jewish Community Action and a steering committee from the community, including Howard Goldman from Temple of Aaron. This coalition is committed to providing support to community residents facing foreclosure and developing strategies for policy changes related to lending and foreclosure.

Volunteers helped explain the resources available and introduced St. Paul residents facing foreclosure to counselors on hand who offered free advice and direction regarding foreclosure prevention and tenants' rights. Others went door-to-door to distribute informational material to owners facing foreclosure and to encourage them to attend the event.

Temple of Aaron Social Justice Committee members Alexandra Ganzel, Howard Goldman, Bill Lerman, Roxanne Portnoy, JoAnn Silvers, Richard Strimling, Vic Rosenthal and Brian Zaidman participated at the event or distributed informational material prior to the event.



## TEMPLE ART SHOW HIGHLIGHTS TIKUN OLAM

Tikun:Repair is an exhibit of works by the Jewish Women's Artists' Circle. View eighteen unique pieces of art, each interpreting an aspect of the Jewish concept of Tikun Olam, repairing the world. These highly contemporary and profoundly Jewish artworks are intellectually and artistically stimulating.

According to Gloria Cooper, whose Rainbow Reconstructed watercolor is included in the exhibition, Tikun Olam is the third artistic theme adapted for study and interpretation by the Jewish Women's Artists' Circle. The group was founded four years ago by Lucy Rose Fischer (represented in the show by her reverse glass painted bowl A Place in the Sun) who wanted to create a community of Jewish women artists. Over the years it has grown from ten to eighteen members, whose works must pass a jury before the artist is invited into the group. They meet monthly to explore one Jewish theme annually, climaxing in an exhibition of works that reflect that year's theme.



"HaMakom" by Jane Bassuk

Some of the other members of the Circle represented in Tikun:Repair are Paula Leiter Pergament, Dianne Silverman, Bette Globus Goodman, Renanah Halpern, Anita White, Barbara Kvasnik-Nunez, Jane Bassuk, Rachel Breen (one of the founders of Jewish Community Action), Gloria Cooper, and Natalie Halpern.

The show will be on display in the Greenberg Gallery for the entire month of May. Whether you are at Temple of Aaron for the Women's League conference, for Shabbat Services, or any event, stop in to look at and contemplate the artworks and their relation to Tikun Olam. Doris Rubenstein.

## HOUSE PARTY FOCUSES ON FORECLOSURE ISSUE

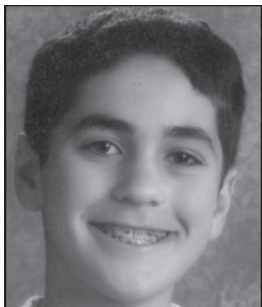
On Saturday evening, March 12, members of Temple of Aaron attended a house party at the home of Bill and Mary Lerman for an evening of learning and planning led by David Snyder of Jewish Community Action. They viewed a 25 minute segment from a powerful documentary about racial discrimination in post-WWII housing policy which explained how government policies enabled racially-segregated housing and discouraged the creation of wealth through home ownership. These issues were discussed, attendees talked about their own housing experiences and the integration of neighborhoods and learned concrete ways to prevent foreclosures and strengthen our community in 2011.

# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

April 2011  
Adar II - Nisan 5771

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.templeofaaron.org">www.templeofaaron.org</a></p> </div>						
<b>3</b> 9 am Service, Men's Club Brkfst Religious School 12 pm Chocolate Seder 6 pm Service	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>6</b> 7:30 am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Minyan 6 pm 7th/Honors 7:30 pm Fund. of Judaism II	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class	<b>8</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service-Men's Club Shabbat Lunch and Learn Candlelighting 7:29 pm	<b>9</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service/School Men's Club Shabbat 11:45 am Lunch and Learn 6 pm Minyan-Davita & Ilana Blyaker Mincha B'nai Mitzvah
<b>10</b> 9 am Service, Men's Club Brkfst Religious School 6 pm Service	<b>11</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>12</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>13</b> 7:30 am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Minyan 6 pm 7th/Honors 6:30 pm YES Comm. 7:30 pm Fund. of Judaism II	<b>14</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class USY Spring Kallah	<b>15</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service-ESL Shelby Seiden Bat Mitzvah Candlelighting 7:38 pm USY Spring Kallah	<b>16</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service/School Shelby Seiden Bat Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan USY Spring Kallah
<b>17</b> 9 am Service, Men's Club Brkfst Religious School 6 pm Service	<b>18</b> <i>Erev Pesach</i> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>19</b> <b>Passover</b> 9 am Service 5:30 pm Minyan Office Closed 6:15pm Congregational <i>2nd Seder</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Passover</b> 9 am Service, Matzah Brei Lunch No School Office Closed 6 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Fund. of Judaism II	<b>21</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class	<b>22</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service Candlelighting 7:47 pm	<b>23</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service/USY Shabbat No School 6 pm Minyan
<b>24</b> 9 am Service, Men's Club Brkfst No Religious School 6 pm Service	<b>25</b> <b>Passover</b> 9 am Service 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>26</b> <b>8th day Passover/</b> <b>Yizkor</b> 9 am Service 6 pm Minyan Office Closed	<b>27</b> 7:30 am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Minyan 6 pm 7th/Honors 7:30 pm Fund. of Judaism II	<b>28</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class	<b>29</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service Candlelighting 7:56 pm	<b>30</b> 9 am Service/School 6 pm Minyan 8:45 pm USY Concauction Auction
<b>1</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service-ESL Justin Less Bar Mitzvah Candlelighting 7:20 pm						<b>2</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service/School Justin Less Bar Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan 8 pm USY & Kadima at Skyzone

# B'not Mitzvah



**Justin Ari Less**

**Justin Ari Less**, son of **Elyse Levine Less and Ron Less**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah April 1 and 2, 2011. Justin is in seventh grade at Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School, where he participates in basketball and Jewish humor elective. He also enjoys football, baseball, and spending summers at Camp Ramah. Justin has designated Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for his tzedaka contribution. Oneg Shabbat refreshments will be sponsored by Justin's grandparents, **Ruth and Jerry Levine**, and **Madalyn and Robert Less**. Saturday Kiddush lunch will be sponsored by Justin's parents, **Elyse and Ron Less**.

**Davita Blyakher**, daughter of **Felix Blyakher and Marianna Dobrina**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 9, 2011.

Davita is in seventh grade at Valley Middle School, where she participates in UMTYMP, math team, student leadership, tennis, and plays saxophone in the band. She also enjoys reading, downhill skiing, playing piano, swimming, taking Russian lessons, and hanging out with friends. Davita has designated Nachema for her tzedaka contribution.



**Davita Blyakher**



**Ilana Blyakher**

**Ilana Blyakher**, daughter of **Felix Blyakher and Marianna Dobrina**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 9, 2011.

Ilana is in seventh grade at Valley Middle School, where she participates in UMTYMP, declam, student leadership, math team, swimming, and plays clarinet in the band. She also enjoys reading, playing piano, skiing, hiking, and hanging out with friends.

Ilana has designated Friends of Israel Defense Force (FIDF) for her tzedaka contribution.

**Shelby Lynn Sieden**, daughter of **Diana and Sherwin Sieden**, granddaughter of the late **Mutzi Sieden Greene**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 15 and 16, 2011.

Shelby is in seventh grade at Friendly Hills Middle School in Mendota Heights, where she plays on the tennis, basketball and softball teams. She also plays the saxophone in band. Shelby is passionate for dance and has studied tap and jazz for 10 years. She loves being with her friends, listening to music and playing piano.

Shelby has chosen the United Jewish Fund and Council for her Tzedaka contribution.

Oneg and a Kiddush luncheon will be provided by Shelby's parents, **Diana and Sherwin Sieden**.



**Shelby Lynn Sieden**



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