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25 Adar I, 5771

Attention Temple of Aaron Community

Join us for our annual Purim Carnival

FUN

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2011

Time: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where: Stein Hall and Beyond!

WACKY

****Carnival Endowment by David A. Berg Family**

Prices:

\$10 Per person for all game
access wrist band or \$1 for 4 tickets

Minimal charge for food.



To Support the Program
or Questions?

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Religious School Purim Assembly

March 13, 2011

10:30 AM

All families are welcome to join
Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and
Cantor Kowitz

for this Pre-Purim Celebration with:

- Pre-Megillah Reading,
- Songs
- Costume Parade
- and much more...

Followed by Our Annual
Purim Carnival

ADAR AUCTION

CHINESE AND SILENT AUCTION

1 TICKET FOR \$10

3 TICKETS FOR \$20

PRIZES WILL BE READY TO BID ON BEGINNING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

AMAZING ITEMS TO BID ON INCLUDING:

SPORTS PACKAGES
KIDS PACKAGES
NIGHT OUT PACKAGES
....MUCH MORE!

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ITEMS TOWARD THE AUCTION,
PLEASE CONTACT
JOSHUAFINEBLUM@TEMPLEOFAARON.ORG

From the Rabbi's Desk . . .

Responding to the Economic Crisis

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah this year, I spoke about the current state of the Jewish community. I raised the question of how we as a community can respond to the current economic situation, especially as it affects members of the Temple of Aaron. I am proud to say that a number of you reached out to volunteer to help devise a plan of action.

This action, like all that we take as Jews, is based in our tradition's understanding of how we can best connect with each other. The act of giving to those in need (tzedaka) has many guiding principals. The best developed comes from the great twelfth-century physician and philosopher Maimonides, who notes in his book *Mishne Torah*: "There are eight degrees of charity, each one higher than the next. The highest degree, exceeded by none, is that of the person who assists a poor Jew by providing him [sic] with a gift or a loan, or by entering into a partnership with him, or helping him find work; in a word, by putting him in a position where he can dispense with other people's aid." All of our efforts have this in mind, giving Tzedaka to the Eighth Degree.

The work synagogue volunteers have done so far can be understood in several categories: providing for basic needs in the short term; offering support to help with legal and financial matters; and providing resources for emotional support. Our intention is to enable Temple members to help one another, while also taking full advantage of professional resources in the larger community.

The most up-to-date information on our work can be found on the Temple of Aaron website: www.templeofaaron.org. Please visit there, or contact me, if you would like to help, or if you are in need of assistance.

On Rosh Hashanah, I used the image of the tzedaka puske as it was used in the small, isolated Jewish communities of 100 years ago. The box was passed around anonymously. Those who were in need would take from it and those who could contribute, did. Privacy was essential to ensuring that nobody was embarrassed when they needed support. In this way, both the economic and the emotional needs were met. We continue this effort today. We are striving to give Tzedaka to the Eighth Degree.

I welcome your participation and feedback.



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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

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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.

Cantor's Column

Purim Season

In over 20 years at the Temple of Aaron, I must admit that my favorite holiday is Purim. This holiday is filled with a wonderful story with a happy ending and provides for us a terrific dessert food in the form of Hamantashen. Kids and adults get to dress up in costumes and the music for this holiday is filled with great promise and joy. This year will be no exception. We have many Golden Kepah readers who will be reading different sections from the Megillah

WE ALL LIVE (to the song "Yellow Submarine" by the Beatles)

In a time so long ago,
there was a man who was our foe.
And he tried to kill us all —
but in the end, he did fall.
We all live 'cause —
Esther was so brave,
Mordecai did save —
His people from the grave.
Well the King — fell in love —
It was decreed from high above.
And he made Esther the Queen.
'Cause she was so nice and never mean.
We all live cause —
Esther was so brave,
Mordecai did save —
His people from the grave.
Mordecai he heard the plot.
That man Haman, must be stopped.
So then Esther told the King.
That's why this day my friends —
We all sing.
We all live cause —
Esther was so brave.
Mordecai did save —
His people from the grave.

Sanctuary Monthly Banner

ADAR BANNER: In honor of Donald and Patricia Wolkoff and children, Adam and Dina.

Titled "Purim Megillah" (Renanah Halpern design). It depicts a huge Megillah for the Festival of Purim.

and I will be leading those in attendance in songs of the holiday and other compositions with original lyrics. I thought this year would be a good year to share those original lyrics to established compositions for each and every one of you. Whether you play guitar or piano or any musical instrument, I think you will find that these songs will fill your heart with laughter and joy. Here are the three compositions that I offer to all of you:

HAYMAN (to the song "Wild Thing" by Chip Taylor)

Hayman — You had a big bad plan.
Now, you got yourself in a jam — Hayman.
Mordecai saved the day.
He had a plan to make Haman pay.
Esther knew that he was right.
We won't bow, we'd rather fight.
Hayman — You had a big bad plan.
Now, you got yourself in a jam — Hayman.
Achashurus didn't know who to trust.
Well, Haman said I know who to bust.
It's the Jews . . . they are no good.
I'd get them all if I could.
Hayman — You had a big bad plan.
Now, you got yourself in a jam — Hayman.

E-S-T-H-E-R (to the song "Gloria" by Them)

There was a lady I know —
Who fought an evil foe.
She was so sweet and so fair —
A Queen all so rare.
And her name was E-S-T-H-E-R.
(Her name was Queen Esther)
Esther yea, yea, yea, yea!
Mordecai heard the plan —
And to Esther he ran.
He told her the bad news —
That was in store for the Jews.
So to the King she went —
And so Haman was sent.
Esther saved the day —
So to God we pray.
And her name was E-S-T-H-E-R.
Queen Esther.



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MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 35 Lyudmila Vysotskaya & Grigory Eydelman
- 50 Liz & Sandy Latts
- 52 Masha & Iosif Shimelfarb
- 53 Brenda & Tony Straus
- 55 Marcia & Herb Bernick
- 57 Rose & Albert Mintz
- 61 Loie & Sherman Devitt
- 66 Sarah & Joe Daniels
- 71 Helen & Donald Swartz

Setting Your Seder Table A Plateful of Learning — An Evening of Fun

Bnai Emet hosts this engaging program on Monday, April 4, 2011 from 6:45 pm until 9:30 pm.

There will be singing and choices of educational sessions led by Twin City Rabbis and other special guests. The program will be sponsored by all of the Twin City Conservative Synagogues.

Department of Youth Services



Robby Erlich

Youth Director

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From the many play rehearsals to the Shabbat experiences with our younger grades, February had a lot to offer for youth and families! We had a great turnout for our toddler-1st grade service at which we sang, got read a story and had a fabulous meal. Our 2nd-4th grade service and lunch was just as excellent as the toddler-1st grade service complete with ruach and great food. Thank you to those who participated in our February programs!

MARCH

- 3, 5, 6** USY Play! Thurs.-7:00 PM,
Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun 1:00pm
- 6** *Chaverim* Bresheet and Kadima
go "Back to the '80s"- 12:30pm
- 11-13** Kadima Kinnus - Friday at 3pm
- Sunday at 1pm
- 12-13** USY Lock-in 9pm—next day
at 2pm
- 13** Purim Carnival!!!!
11:30am-1:30pm
- 16** USY Progressive Dinner
6:30pm - 9:00pm

APRIL

- 2** USY goes to Sky Zone! Time TBD
- 3** *B'resheet* Chocolate Seder 12pm
- 15-17** USY *Kallah!* Friday at 3pm-
Sunday at 3pm
- 16** 1st Annual *Kadima* and USY
Chametz Survivor Fest! 8pm
- 23** USY Shabbat!



TEMPLE OF AARON YOUTH^{BLVD}



March 3 @ 7:00 PM March 5 @ 8:15 PM

March 6 @ 1:00 PM

Ticket prices

Pre Sale: \$7 for adults \$5 for seniors/students

Door: \$10 for adults \$7 for seniors / students

Children under 3 are free

Cast Members:

Susan Balto, Ellie Berg, Matt Bernick, Jeanne Bloomberg,
Alexis Burbul, Hannah Burbul, Rachel Burbul, Lexi Dockman,
Michael Feinstein, Rachel Feinstein, Rachel Haim, Sophie Kaye,
Evana Kvasnik, Joe Lane, Rachel Lerman, Brandon Less,
Max Lowenthal, Melissa Marks, Lauren Oskey, Jamie Oskey,
Sonya Rosen, Charlie Rosenblum, Josh Roston, Sydney Roston,
Sami Saltzman, Hannah Saltzman, Emmy Saxon, Gilad Segal,
Isaac Specktor, Ezra Strohm, Maya Strohm,
Bayley Taple, Miri Taple, Evan Weil, Morgan Werthausen
and Devin Werthausen

Band and Crew Members:

Andy Bernick, Michael Kowitz, Elliott Stern and Will Zien

2011 Play Co-Chairs:

Lois Bloomberg and Faye Feinstein

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

ללמד וללמד

Religious School Visits Sholom Home East

On January 30 our Pre-K-4th graders, along with their teachers and aides, joined our L'dor Va'Dor 9th grade program at the Sholom home for an interactive song and tefillah presentation. Over 90 people filled the room as we began the program with the words of Hinei Matov: “How good and pleasant it is when people come together in unity.” With the guidance and leadership of Wendy Baldinger, assisted by Lindsay Berg, students led tefillot and songs through the presentation. As we took a break in the action, the students met with residents, had a snack, and presented them with gifts they created the week before for each resident. Thank you to the



9th grade class and teachers for helping in getting residents downstairs for the program. A special thank you to Jim McDonald, Ellen Sloan, and Wendy Goodman for their support of this program and others we are doing in conjunction with the Sholom Home East this year. Last but not least, thank you to the teachers, aides, and students who participated in making this program so wonderful for the residents, as a visit like this does so much to brighten up their lives in ways you can only imagine. There are always opportunities for our families to go and visit people on a more consistent basis at Sholom Home East. If you are interested, please let me know. Toda Raba L'kulam, Thank you to everyone!



Torah U'Mitzvot Project — 7th Grade

by Wendy Beth Gahm and Eddie Winthrop

Throughout this year the 7th Grade Religious School students have studied various Mitzvot – Commandments. The Torah U'Mitzvot Project gave students the opportunity to study their B'nai Mitzvah parshiot within the context of a mitzvah and to educate members of the community about a Jewish charitable organization that relates to their parasha. The students worked one-on-one with faculty to study and analyze their individual B'nai Mitzvah parasha. Students then researched and chose a Jewish organization they wanted to highlight to the community which may be connected to the themes in their portion. On Sunday, February 13, 2011, a special event was held in the Leifman Chapel during which each student presented family and friends with an oral presentation that explained in depth his or her parasha and how he or she feels it relates to the organization of his or her choice. Everyone then moved to Stein Hall to view each student's creative display, which served to further educate the community about the organization and the work it does. Students from the other Religious School classes also had the opportunity to view the displays and interact with the 7th grade student creators.

The Jewish organizations that were featured in this project were: Jewish Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Camp Ramah – Tikvah Program Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Operations, Nacoej, Sha'arim, Empowering Jews with Disabilities, Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation, Chabad's Children of Chernobyl, United Jewish Fund & Council, T'shuvah, The Holocaust Museum of Washington D.C., Hadera Cat Rescue Sanctuary, Jerusalem Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Nechama.

Get your B'nai Mitzvah Date!

3rd and 4th grade parents
beginning at 12PM on
Sunday, March 13

e-mail susiehaime@templeofaaron.org

Name of Child, Names of Parents,
Phone Number, and Child's Birth Date
and someone will call to
arrange your child's date.



**Joshua
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Director of
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Midat Hachodesh: Ometz Lev

One value that we talk about throughout the month of Adar is Ometz Lev, courage of the heart. In the story of Purim this is personified by our hero and heroine, Mordechai and Esther. Both of these people show their courage in different ways. Mordechai showed courage through his unwillingness to literally and figuratively bend to Haman, the wicked right hand man of the King of Persia. He showed much courage by standing up against him and believing in G-d as he did not let Haman tell him how to act as a Jew. Mordechai also stood up and showed courage in his spoiling of the plot of Bigtan and Teresh who were trying to take the King's life. Esther, on the other hand, stood up and was courageous when, prodded by her uncle/cousin Mordechai, she stood up for what she believed in and told the King she was Jewish. Even then the young heroine took her time in doing so, waiting until a second banquet before telling the King her true identity as Hadassah. Both of these heroes of Purim and Megillat Esther stood up and fought for what they believed in. Have you been true to your heart and been courageous lately?

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

**Ilya Shafir
Stanley Barenbaum
Isadore Kanevsky
Sylvia Berkowitz
Joseph Daniels**

תודה רבה

... to Burt Katz, Delia Sevak and Betty Agranoff for labeling nearly 1,200 February Aaronions that we mail throughout the U.S.

Golden Kepah Torah Readers for February

The following adults and students read on February 5 and 12 as part of their Golden Kepah requirements: Ken Boschwitz, Bree Peilen, Luke Peilen, Abe Clark, Joshua Edelstein, Laura Jopp, Rachel Greenberg, Ben Golden, Jamie Oskey, Brandon Bloom, Elliott Stern, and Jordan Castle. We are proud of their continuing endeavors and look forward to hearing them and other students and adults read in the next few months.

Thank you (*todah rabah*) to those listed below who supported our Yahrzeit Fund in memory of loved ones with donations of \$10 or more
January 2011 Tevet - Shevat 5771

Akkerman, Sofia
Antonovskya, Sofiya
& Alexander Pekker
Appelbaum,
Murray & Arlene
Averbakh, Boris & Irene
Axelrod, Lydia & Semyon
Barenbaum,
Stanley & Bettie
Besner, Rae
Bomberg, Frank
Bream, Rose
Bubar, Anna
Bubar, Sana & Dmitriy
Calvin, Nancy
Coursolle, M.E.
Daniels, Marjorie
Dietz, Alvin & Arlene
Dolyar, Basya
Dreytser, Vladimir
Dudovitz, Sophie
Edelstein, Sandy & Steve
Feldman, Nancy
Fine, Sandra
Fishman, Jerry & Georgia
Fridman, Sheva
Ganz, Esther & Isaac
Ginzburg, Alex
Glickman, Jane
Gochberg, Peter & Vera
Goldenberg, Herbert
Goldetsky, Celia
Goldman, Lynn & Howard
Graham, Esther
Joseph, Geri & Burton
Kahn, James
Kamin, Evelyn
Kamin, Mel
Kativetsky, Rozita
Kantor, Errol
Kaplan, Esther
Kaplan, Louis
Kaster, Barbara
Katz, Irving & Karen
Katzovitz, Carole & Leon
Khaskin, Sofiya
Klein, E. Gary & Marion
Krinsky, Renee
Kurland, Sandra
Lapitskiy, Anatoliy
Lazarus, Janice
Leibman, Jake
Lerman, Bill & Mary

Levine, Allen & Nancy
Lewine, Rachel & Michael
Libman, Cary
Lovich, Robert
Marver, John & Jeannie
Marvy, Bob & Florie & sons
Mastbaum, Mildred
Meltzer, William
Miller, Ann
Miller, Barbara
Moos, Shirley
Nemer, Helen
Peker, Busya
Pekker, Alexander
Pistner, Kim & John
Prawer, Ken & Bonnie
Rafowitz, Sam
Rosenbloom, David
Rubenstein, Ada
Rubenstein, Bob
Sanderson, Anne Rae
Schenker, Shirley
Schloff, Sandra
Schneider, Bart
Schwartz, Jerry, Sue

& family
Sevak, Delia & family
Shaller, Richard
Shapiro, Harold, M.D.
Shimelfarb, Iosif
Simes, Hy & Josephine
Sloane, Sylvia
Smith, Richard
Spivak, Regina & Dmitry
Steinman, Elaine & Stuart
Straus, Zelda
Strohm Family
Suponitsky,
Yekaterina & Aleksandr
Tilsner, Ryvelle
Tragar, C.A.
Uchenik, Esfir
Vaynerman, Jane
Vigdorovich, Leopold
Vinitsky, Shirley
Wandersee-Walter, Nancy
Ward, Hillard & Helene
Weisberg, Nancy & Scott
Wolkoff, Patricia
Wolkowicz, Joe

SIGN UP NOW!

North American Programs:

- USY on Wheels, East
- USY on Wheels, Classic
- USY on Wheels, Mission: Mitzvah
- USY on Wheels, Pacific Northwest
- Summer in the City

Israel Programs:

- USY Israel Adventure
- USY Israel Adventure PLUS
- USY Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar
- USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage
 - USY Italy/Israel Pilgrimage
 - L'TAKAYN OLAM (NEW FOR 2011)

For more information or to apply online visit www.usy.org/escape

Donald and Helen Swartz Israel Scholarship Fund Increases Grants

In 2000, Donald and Helen Swartz, along with their children, created an Israel endowment fund. The goal of the fund is to encourage bar/bat mitzvah students to take advantage of approved educational trips to Israel. A \$500.00 scholarship was available to students between the ages of 15 to 21.

Over the past 10 years, the costs of an Israel experience have increased dramatically. With that in mind, the Swartz Family has chosen to re-shape the program and award each student with a grant of \$1,500.00.

"Helen and I have always been supporters of the State of Israel and have seen how a trip to the holy land can dramatically affect young people's lives," said Donald.

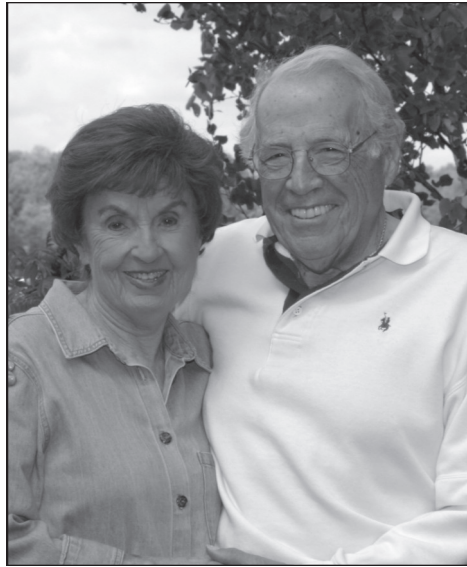
As part of the grant, students agree to volunteer 20 hours with a Jewish organization within 12 months of their return, and share their Israeli experiences with students in our religious school. In addition, students and their families are encouraged to make donations to the fund in the future so that other students can take advantage of this very special program.

The change from an endowment fund to a restricted fund means that at some point 100 percent of the funds will be used.

Congregants should keep in mind that there are programs operated by the UJFC, with the assistance of the Elliott Belzer Family, with available scholarship funds.

Donald and Helen have been pillars of our congregation, said Temple President Michael Saxon. Donald served as President of our congregation and Helen was active in Sisterhood, Religious School and Annual Fund Raisers. We will forever be grateful to them and their family for their ongoing support of the Temple of Aaron and our families.

If you have questions about the Swartz Israel Scholarship fund, please contact Director of Education Joshua Fineblum, Youth Director Robby Erlich, or Executive Director Ken Agranoff.



Annual Morning At Capitol

National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah invite you to attend the 2011 Annual Jewish Women's Morning (8:45 to 12:30) at the Capitol. This is an engaging opportunity for Jewish women to come together to learn about and converse with legislative representatives on important issues affecting women, children, and families in Minnesota. The March 15 morning event is free and open to all Jewish women. Please contact Alexandra David at alexandra.s.david@gmail.com or pick up a flyer near the front lobby to register.

Practices Change and Synagogue Adjusts

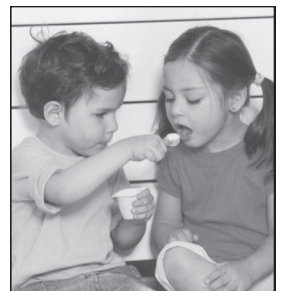
The most common practice for decades was holding the post funeral meal in the home coordinated by friends followed by shivah in the home. Changing living arrangements, distance, family living out-of-town, and space limitations have created a need for the synagogue and/or Sholom Home to periodically help with the meal and the hosting of the shivah. There are a variety of synagogue space options for the shivah with the Capp Lounge being the primary selection for a variety of good reasons. The post funeral family meal is a little more challenging at the synagogue given the short notice and part-time kitchen staff. We explore reasonable options so family and friends can make a decision that best suits their immediate needs. Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein, Cantor Kowitz and Executive Director Ken Agranoff are prepared to help clarify the options so decisions can be made.

Food Shelf Mission Impossible? Not if you help.

Help us make progress in the statewide fight against hunger. Support our food shelf!

You can leave food at the synagogue.

You can use our website and make an online donation. You can mail a check to chair person Harriet Levy and she will mail a card for a celebration, get well or condolence.



Fourth Annual SPIN Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community – April 3, 2011

SPIN (the Saint Paul Interfaith Network) invites the community to its fourth annual Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community, held this year on Sunday evening, April 3, at Mount Zion. Led by Rabbi Amy Eilberg, along with adult and youth leaders of several religious traditions, the Seder expresses the universal longing for freedom, justice, and transformation in our lives and in our world through ritual, readings, song, and a shared meal.

Check-in at 4:30 p.m.; Seder from 5 p.m. sharp – 8 p.m. Cost: \$20 for light vegetarian dinner. Pre-registration and pre-payment required by March 28 deadline; you may register and pay on-line at SPIN's new website, or send a check made out to "SPACC/SPIN" to the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, 1671 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, 55105, with "Interfaith Seder" in the memo line, by March 28.

Membership Committee Spotlight on ...

This month's spotlight goes to Marcia Taple!

Marcia has been a member of Temple of Aaron since 1971. In 1976, Bob Fisher, Youth Director, asked Marcia to be part of the Youth Committee, and several years later she became chair of the committee. This was the beginning of her involvement at the Temple.

Marcia and Maynard were married in 1961, and together, they raised three children, Loren, Shari and Norman and she is very proud of all of them and their accomplishments. She is especially proud, that along with herself, her sons are re-developing Katzman Monument Company, a business that was formerly owned by her Dad, Jack Katzman. The business will have its own website and will be conducted on the internet. It makes her feel very good that her Dad's name will be carried on. Marcia's family bonus is her five grandchildren, Bayley, Miri, Levi, Marc, and Rachel. Unfortunately, Maynard did not know Levi, Marc, or

Rachel, as he passed away in 1997.

Marcia has been very active in the Sisterhood. She was president from 2001-2008, and right now, she is program vice president. At present, she serves as an Area Director on the IntraContinental Region Board of Women's League. She is also one of the local co-chairs of the IntraContinental Region Conference that is being hosted by Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, May 15-17. Marcia also chairs the Gift Shop of which she was instrumental in its redesign of merchandise as well as the redecorating of the shop, itself.

Outside of the Temple, Marcia served on her 50 year high school reunion committee and has reconnected with many of her classmates. She also teaches piano privately, something she has done since she was 14 years old. She began the study of piano at the age of seven.

When you can't find Marcia at home, you can usually find her at the Temple.



Marcia Taple

She considers Temple of Aaron as her "home away from home," and looks forward to many more years of involvement at the Temple.

Thank you Marcia for all you do!

— Jim Leventhal —

Mazal Tov to Temple of Aaron members Brianna and Benjamin Axelrod on the Bris of their son, Lincoln, this past week. The celebration included joyous grandparents Semyon and Lydia Axelrod, along with Brian and Chris Turnquist. As he has entered the covenant, so may he attain the blessings of Torah, Huppah and ma'asim tovim, good deeds.

Please note we are pleased to place member birth announcements in our monthly newsletter.

Start Planning for 2nd Seder Tuesday April 19, 2011

Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and Cantor Kowitz will lead our 53rd Seder in Stein Hall. Reserve a chair or a full table by mailing in your check or calling with a credit card. Adults are \$34 (non-members \$38). Children under 13 are \$18. Join us for a community seder and enjoy our beautiful traditions with expert leadership and participation by all attending.

Board Approves Annual Passover Fund

Temple of Aaron has effectively worked for 100 years due to our members generosity with time, creativity, caring, spirit and financial support. Passover means religious freedom and support for the Annual Passover Fund will provide more financial freedom for the synagogue.

Please support this voluntary option at \$18 or more so we have the freedom to help members with dues and/or tuition in special circumstances. Our Board has heard your firm and steady voice to maintain our foundation of Shabbat and daily services, educational programs for children and adults, community building programs, social justice programs, life-cycle events, and maintain our beautiful building 365 days per year.

Tuesday Book Club — 6:30 p.m.

March 15 - *Wise Men and Their Tales* - Elie Wiesel

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



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.



Free Purim Seudah
Saturday, March 19, 2011
at 6:15 p.m. followed by
Megillah Reading
In Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
Members and non-members
of all ages are welcome to
join us and have fun.

Purim Seudah is endowed by Nancy Berkley in memory of her parents Dorothy and Charles Margolis, and by Marcia and Herbert Bernick in honor of their children and grandchildren. Purim groggers are endowed by Joanna & Michael Volk, and Sheryl & Wesley Schochet in honor of Lois & Larry Schochet. Purim Booklet is underwritten by Marion & E. Gary Klein and Burneice & Bill Goldetsky in memory of Isador & Bessie Goldetsky.

Member Reacts to Israel Visit



I am writing to you in anticipation of my trip to Israel through Birthright. I would like to also describe the incredible effect this trip had on me. I have friends who have gone to Israel and told me I would fall completely in love with the place. I went on the trip skeptical that I would be that susceptible to the powers of Israel. To make a long story short, I was completely wrong. I now know how incredible of a place Israel is. From the hills of Jerusalem to the shores of Tel Aviv to the wondrous expanse of the Negev, I completely fell in love with the terrain, and just as importantly, the people. Israelis are such wonderful people in the face of daily adversity, it is absolutely remarkable. I am very thankful to the Birthright organization for allowing me to

experience everything that is great about Israel, and I didn't have to pay a dime to do it. I would encourage anyone who has not been to Israel to do so through this program. It may be exhausting, but what they show you and teach you makes it all worth it. Having active Israeli soldiers on the trip also adds another layer of perspective and takes the Birthright experience into the stratosphere. I would like to say that I will absolutely be returning to Israel, hopefully in the next few years. I can truly say that it is a second home to me.

Sincerely,
Jacob Meltzer
Son of Rhonda Schwartz & Curt Meltzer

Some Thoughts on Celebrating Purim

Purim is a minor holiday with a major message. Beneath its carefree exterior, there is a sober lesson for all people.

To the tyrant it offers the grim reminder that he who kindles the flames of hatred for another is lighting a fire underneath his own home. Intolerance is the madness that gods inflict upon those whom they would destroy.

The right to differ has been dearly paid for. Rivers of Jewish blood were spilled by every variety of totalitarian power –

spiritual no less than political, church no less than state – which wanted to remake the Jew in its own image.

America has been called the land of “fabulous differences.” These differences are America's glory and strength. If our individuality is bleached out, we will become the bland leading the bland. The American ideal is that each of us has the right to be ourselves. The right to differ is as holy as the right to be.

Sisterhood News

"Memory: Did I Forget What You Said?" – Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. at Temple of Aaron, Shayne Karasov, a health educator with Home Health Care Inc. will lead a discussion on memory issues. A light supper will be served. Ms. Karasov has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. She presently works in Community Relations for Home Health Care, Inc., a Medicare certified home health company in Golden Valley, which has been rated #1 for Medicare in Minnesota for best health care outcomes in 2008 and is among the top home care businesses according to *Mpls/St. Paul Business Magazine* in March, 2010. Home Health Care is sponsoring the light supper so there will be no charge for this program. RSVP to Marcia Taple (651-688-3030) by March 18.

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Hamantashen For Sale – Hamantashen will be available in the Giftshop and Kitchen for \$12/dozen. This year's Hamantashen choices will be: fruit, poppy seed, chocolate and apricot with no nuts. Enjoy these tasty treats prepared by your very own Sisterhood.

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Book Club – The schedule for the next several months is: March 20 – *Almost Home* by Pam Jenoff; April 17 – *Happy Marriage* by Rafael Yglesias; May 15 – *Good for the Jews* by Debra Spark; June 19 – *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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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 fall and winter evenings once a month. Questions, call Roxanne Portnoy at 651-690-2232.

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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. Contact them with any program ideas or to volunteer for this event. 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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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 or Susan Kushner at 651-454-8336.

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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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Fishman's Deli & Market Has Closed

THEKOSHEREXPRESS.com is a new online kosher meat option certified kosher by Orthodox Union (OU). Wide variety of quality meat shipped frozen to your door. We wanted to share an option for you to research.

Men's Club Menschens

By Hugh Gitlin - Men's Club President

Happy Purim from the Men's Club. I would like to give thanks to Marsha Schwartz, Bill Lerman and Matt Clark for working with the 7th grade at the Sunday morning service in Leifman Chapel for the World Wide Wrap of tefillin. We had a great crowd and hope for even more participation next year. Also, thank you to Matt Clark, Jeff Stine, Jim Leventhal and Terry Zien for their excellent grilling at the February 2011 Super Bowl party in Fink Youth Lounge.

Events

Mark down March 30 for the next Dinner with the Rabbi. This time we will be dining at Buca at 2728 Gannon Road in Highland Park. Also, look for our first Running with the Rabbi. Check the weekly email and the Men's Club Facebook page for all the information.

Purim Carnival Food Booth

The Men's Club will be operating the Food Booth in Stein Hall at the Sunday, March 13, 2011 Purim Carnival. The David A. Berg Family Endowment helps

provide the delicious food. If you would like to help during this fun event, please call or email me. Tell all of your family and friends to attend this festive event.

Men's Club Shabbat

Men's Club Shabbat is April 8-9, 2011. Matt Clark is coordinating participation for parts in the various services. To reserve you're the right part for your skill level and interest, email Matt at mclark613@gmail.com.

Purchase a Sukkah Panel

Make a lasting physical contribution to the synagogue with the purchase of a panel for the new Temple Sukkah. After 2009's tragic but safe implosion, Men's Club purchased a new Sukkah for 2010 and successfully started raising funds for the new Sukkah placed outside in the Effress Family Garden. The new 72 panel Sukkah is a modern modular design which is visible from the Leifman Chapel. You can honor someone by purchasing a panel for \$100. We have sold 49 panels to our generous supporters so there is still time to help us with a donation. George Bier is the fund raising chairman and can be contacted at 651-690-1979

or via email (george@thebierfamily.com).

Membership Drive

I urge all males 18 and over to join us in the Men's Club and make a difference. Membership envelopes are available in the Leifman Chapel. We are only as strong as our membership.

Sponsor a Breakfast

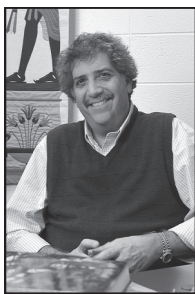
Opportunities for \$125 sponsorship of Sunday breakfast in Greenberg Room after minyan are available. Morrie Katz has successfully recruited breakfast sponsors for years to solidify our Sunday morning minyan. Call Morrie at 651-698-1479 to reserve a Sunday breakfast.

Facebook Page and Google Group

The Temple of Aaron Men's Club is now on Facebook. Check out our page to learn more about us and you will like what you see. We also have a Google Group so email me for more information. If anyone has questions about any of our activities, feel free to call Hugh at 651-470-1694 or email at hughsterg@aol.com.

Master Educator Dr. Steven Derfler Leads Series Entitled: "From Spice Routes to Space Age — Patterns of Living in the MidEast"

4-Part Program Concludes March 6 — 10:30am-11:30am



We need to understand "otherness" in order to more fully understand ourselves and our own identities as the world grows smaller and interaction with other cultures becomes essential.

Israel's place in the MidEast is an island within a "sea" of otherness. It can't be isolated or understood in a vacuum — but an overall context. Our understanding of complex issues in the region can

only be comprehended if we are more familiar with this world.

The City in 2 Parts — Part 1 [Feb. 27]: The notion of city and urban society is entirely different in the West than in the Mid East. The Arab city had a mystique all of its own, and for a reason. This changed with the colonial invasion by European society in the early 19th Century. Part 2 [March 6]: On the other hand, the Israeli city model is one that westerners feel the most comfortable identifying with.

Art Helps Heal the World

The Jewish Women's Arts Circle exhibit "Tikun Olam" will be coming to the Temple of Aaron's Greenberg Gallery in May. Keep your eyes open for this thought-provoking show of multi-media works of art. The Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring programs relating to the exhibit that will widen your appreciation of art and your understanding of the deep connections between art and healing the world.



"Lotus Tzedakah Box"
by Sharon Stillman

We Need Your Vote at March 6 Meeting for Bylaws Updating

At Temple of Aaron, we operate as a nonprofit corporation under Minnesota law. Our Bylaws are the rules by which we govern ourselves as an organization.

On October 19, 2010, the Board of Directors of Temple of Aaron completed a comprehensive review and restatement of the synagogue's Bylaws and voted to call a membership meeting to approve the restatement.

The objective of this Bylaws restatement is to:

- Modernize our rules of governance, but also preserve and reflect our heritage
- Simplify and clarify rules and processes to make governance easier and more understandable for members and Board alike
- Not be overly legalistic or prescriptive unless necessary to comply with a legal mandate or to avoid liability
- Eliminate practices or requirements that we don't and won't follow or that create unnecessary or unreasonable obligations or burdens
- Be more inclusive and trusting
- Continue what works, but codify such longstanding practice in understandable terms

The proposed changes require membership approval. We will hold a meeting at 10:00 a.m., March 6, 2011 to obtain approval by the membership of the Restated Bylaws. The Board will provide advance notice of the meeting and a proxy process to submit votes "absentee." Watch for more details and the official meeting notice in future editions of the *Aaronion* and through the synagogue's other communication media.

For more information, consult with President Michael Saxon, Executive Director Ken Agranoff, and/or members of the Governance Committee — Chair Rhonda Schwartz, Alan Bernick, Mark Adelman, Cheryl Bier, Nathan Maki, Julie Sander, and Andrew Katz. Special thanks to Member Barry Gersick, who conducted a legal review of the proposed Bylaws. You can review the proposed Bylaws, current Bylaws and form of proxy required to vote in advance on the website or contact the office for copies.

Proxy Vote Form for Members Unable to Attend March 6, 2011 meeting at 10:00 am PROXY for the Temple of Aaron Congregation (This form approved by Board of Directors on October 19, 2010)

The undersigned, whose name is: _____

residing at: _____

being a current member in good standing of the Temple of Aaron Congregation, hereby irrevocably appoints Temple of Aaron President Mike Saxon, with full power of substitution, as his/her proxy to appear and vote in his/her name as instructed below at the March 6, 2011 at 10:00 am, or any continuation or adjournment thereof.

To approve the Restated By Laws of the Temple of Aaron Congregation as recommended to the Membership by the Temple of Aaron Board of Directors by resolution duly adopted on October 19, 2010. Circle (or otherwise clearly mark) the desired action:

YES, cast my vote IN FAVOR of adopting the new by laws as recommended by the Board of Directors.

NO, cast my vote against adopting the new by laws.

Please complete this form with your name and address and either:

1. Print and mail it to Temple of Aaron, Attn: Proxy Voting, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55116-1099;

2. Save the form as an electronic file, then attach the file to an e-mail message that you send to kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org from your personal e-mail account. Be sure to put By Law Proxy Vote in the subject of the email. The electronic signature of your e-mail account will serve as your signature; OR

3. Hand deliver your completed ballot in person to the office at the Temple of Aaron. Put the ballot in a sealed envelope marked Proxy Voting.

**All proxies must be received by 10:00 am on March 6, 2011.
Proxies are valid for 11 months from the date of signature.**

Signature _____

For questions or more information contact:

Ken Agranoff, Executive Director
Temple of Aaron
616 S Mississippi River Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55116-1099
651.698.8874
kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org



Social Justice - A Volunteer Committee

LERMANS TO HOST HOUSE PARTY MARCH 12

The Temple of Aaron Social Justice Committee, in conjunction with Jewish Community Action and the St. Paul Fair Lending Coalition, is hosting a meeting at the home of Bill and Mary Lerman, entitled, "A Jewish Response to the Foreclosure Crisis," Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.

We are looking forward to discussing how members of Temple of Aaron can work across lines of faith and race to address urgent economic justice issues of our day: Foreclosure Prevention and Fair Lending. According to Howard Goldman, who is co-hosting the meeting with Bill and Mary, "The foreclosure crisis is playing out right here in St. Paul. The Foreclosure Prevention Committee may be the last hope for many homeowners. We are off to a good start, but we have a lot of work to do."

Temple of Aaron members are invited to this meeting to learn more about what they can do to help stem the foreclosure crisis in St. Paul. In the coming months, Temple of Aaron members will have opportunities to work with Frogtown residents (the coalition's area of focus) on several projects:

- Teams of volunteers will visit struggling homeowners door to door with information about free resources to prevent foreclosures and to know their rights as tenants.
- Volunteers may participate in negotiation meetings with bank representatives to urge them to commit to more loan modifications, a more efficient and transparent process for homeowners, and other kinds of support for hard-hit communities.



- Volunteers can write letters and make calls to lenders on behalf of homeowners facing foreclosure.
- There will be some legislative advocacy opportunities, locally and nationally, around fair lending issues.

For more information, contact Vic Rosenthal at Jewish Community Action, 651-632-2184 or vic@jewishcommunityaction.org

Jewish Community Action Presents the 100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Commemorative Series: Then and Now – Immigrants, Workers and the Search for Justice

On March 25, 1911, fire broke out in New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and 146 workers, mostly young Jewish and Italian immigrant women, died. Exit doors had been locked, elevators failed, fire escapes crumbled, and the fire department's ladders did not reach high enough. In the aftermath of this disaster, the owners were acquitted of responsibility by a jury. But, immigrant women garment workers across the city built up the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) and negotiated economic and physical security, while the city government enacted new regulations about workplace safety and inspections.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire became a major memorial day in U.S. labor history. This spring across the United States, commemorative events will mark the 100th anniversary of one of America's worst industrial tragedies. Jewish Community Action, together with a range of historical, educational, labor, immigrant rights, and social justice organizations, will mark the anniversary with a series of events in March, April and May:

Sunday, March 6 at 3pm –

John B. Davis Auditorium at Macalester College

Film Screening on the Fire and Panel Discussion

Panelists include Hy Berman, Professor Emeritus of History, University of MN; Riv-Ellen Prell, Professor of American Studies at the University of MN; Liban Ali, UNITE-HERE Local 17; representatives from Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) and more TBA.

COMMITTEE CHAIR TO DELIVER D'VAR TORAH ON MARCH 19

Brian Zaidman will speak on the deplorable conditions faced by the women who died in the Triangle Waist Co. fire and the tragedy which sparked the commissions that led to passage of many laws concerning workplace safety, labor codes and fire codes that we take for granted today.

**Sunday, March 27 at 1:30pm –
Mount Zion Temple -**

RSVP by Friday, March 18, 2011.

**Jewish Community Action's
9th Annual Immigrant Freedom Seder**

A Passover Seder commemorating the Fire and highlighting ongoing immigrant and worker issues. Led by Rabbi Amy Eilberg and featuring stories from past and present immigrant groups.

**Sunday, April 3 at 1pm –
Sabes Jewish Community Center**

VOICE Film Premiere of New Faces of MN-Meet Us, Photo Exhibit and Panel Discussion

JCA and VOICE will co-sponsor the screening of a new film about the experiences of immigrants from Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, East Africa, and Central America.

Throughout March, April and May - Various locations in St. Paul
JCA encourages you to attend the 14th Annual Untold Stories Labor History program with the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. For more information go to: www.thefriends.org.

For more information about the 100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Commemorative Series and to RSVP for events, please contact Lauren Bastien, JCA staff:
Email: lauren@jewishcommunityaction.org
Phone: 651-632-2184

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

March 2011
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website at www.templeofaaron.org</p>						
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Bar Mitzvah

ATTENTION:

**Toddler - Pre-K - Kindergarten
- 1st Grade Parents**

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**Join us:
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**March 11, 2011
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