

# Temple Adath Israel Bulletin

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# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David Wirtschafter

# Repentance and revelation: An environmental confession informed by 10 Commandments

Our tradition teaches that the Day of Atonement is not the only day to atone. The need to atone is constant.

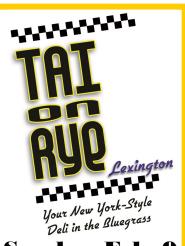
In this month in which our Torah readings include the plagues upon Egypt, the parting of the sea, and the Ten Commandments, we are reminded that the same Creator who suspends the rules of nature on Israel's behalf calls on us to keep a sacred covenant for all time.

Ashamanu, we confess O God and God of our ancestors, that our lack of environmental responsibility is among our most serious sins. How can we proudly count the Ten Commandments among our greatest gifts to civilization while contradicting each one by how we mistreat the world you gave us to protect? Environmental failure returns redemption from Egypt with the ingratitude of greed. It is a form of idolatry, for it misdirects

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Religious School collecting plastic lids to recycle into garden bench. Story, page 4



**Sunday, Feb. 9** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Orders for chopped liver due by 5 p.m. Feb. 4; email lexjewishfoodfestival@ gmail.com

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**Deborah Nelson** 

# There's much to talk about, and chances to do so are coming up

Fellow Congregants,

For the past few months, I, along with TAI Treasurer Debbie Masters, Financial Resources and Development Committee Chair Ben Baker and FRDC members, have been analyzing the temple's financial position in preparation for our fiscal year 2021 budgeting process and communication with the congregation.

Over the next few months, you will be given opportunities at parlor meetings in congregants' homes to look at all of the financial data we have been analyzing. We believe, after looking at these data, you will conclude the following:

- 1. Because of lean budgeting and much generosity by current and former congregants, the Temple is currently in a financially sound position.
- 2. Because of annual income from our endowment,

- the Temple is likely to be in a financially sound position for the next several years.
- 3. Because of demographic shifts in religious affiliation, including Reform Judaism, our financial future after that is not secure.
- 4. Your generosity through increased annual membership contributions will make a great impact on our congregational life today and in the future.

But please, don't take my word for it! We are Jews, after all, and we make up our own minds. In the next month, you will receive a packet containing congregants' testimonials, dates of parlor meetings, and a big-picture overview of our financial situation. Please read the information and consider attending one of the parlor meetings, even if you don't agree with my characterization of our situation.

Finally, please know that your Board of Trustees has insisted that, in communicating about our financial future, we make it clear that our members are treasured, regardless of what they are able to give; that all gifts — community mitzvot, time, prayers, kind words — are appreciated; and that Temple Adath Israel remains an institution that values Jewish life writ large over the financial bottom line.

I hope to see you at one of our parlor meetings and at one of our two Town Hall Meetings on Sunday, Feb. 2 (10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.), during which we will discuss potential improvements to our building and life as a congregation.

With appreciation, Deb

**P.S.:** If you would like to assist the FRDC in its efforts to build a strong financial future, please contact Ben Baker at ben@sadjava.com.

#### **RABBI**

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our ultimate loyalty to undeserving entities. It undermines the Sabbath by continuing to misuse creation while singing praises of the Creator. It compromises the commandment to honor mother and father, because they raised us to appreciate nature, taught us to respect it and expect us to preserve it. We cannot fully revere them if we chose not to remember what they taught us. Even in the absence of malice, our environmental failure is a kind of killing. It is a variant of manslaughter, negligent and reckless; it shortens and endangers lives that we ought to protect. It is akin to adultery, for it represents a broken vow and betrayal of trust. It is a form of theft, for it deprives others of what is rightfully theirs. It is a form of bearing false witness, for it requires obscuring the truth to the detriment of our neighbors. It is a form of **coveting** because it exemplifies ruminating on gain instead of scrutinizing our desires. Full of regret and remorse we confess this tenfold sin

Confessing sin, however, is no more and no less than a beginning. Addressing sin is a far more demanding undertaking, requiring a change of behavior. Confessing a sin takes seconds. Addressing repeated and severe sin takes a lifetime. Confessing a sin is to acknowledge wrongdoing. Addressing a sin means acting on that acknowledgement. Like racism, sexism, homophobia, greed, apathy, complicity and complacency in the face of poverty, violence and oppression, addressing our moral failure on the environment is more than a question of tikkun olam, repairing the world. It is an obligation arising from teshuvah, the work of repentance. Tikun olam is grounded in the responsibility to do what is right. *Teshuvah* is rooted in the responsibility of righting what is wrong.

Environmental repentance requires more than confessing the manifold abuses caused by pollution; it calls us to confront them. May this month, filled with powerful Torah passages about what we, the created, owe the Creator, make us more mindful of our duty to protect and preserve the planet entrusted to our care. Please call your city council member, state representative and state senator to encourage them to support proposed legislation to ban plastic bags from our city and state. For more environmental actions you can take, go to the websites for the Sunrise Movement (Sunrisemovement.org), the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (Coeil.org), the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (Rac.org,) Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light (Kentuckyipl.org), and the Bluegrass Group of the Sierra Club (Sierraclub.org/Kentucky/bluegrass).



## FROM TAI PRESCHOOL

Katherine Henry, Director

It is time to register for the 2020-21 school year. Our classes, pricing and hours are as follows:

**Hours:** 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**TAI Toddlers** (starting at 18 months): \$215 a month, Mon. and Wed.

2-Year-Olds: \$215 a month, Tue. and Thu.

**3-Year-Olds:** \$265 a month, Mon., Wed. and Fri.; \$325 a month, Mon.-Fri.

4-Year-Olds/Young 5s: \$325 a month, Mon.-Fri.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, based on demand, we will offer Extended Day from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m (\$20 a day) or Lunch Bunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$12 a day).

Please contact me at (859) 509-4599 if you have any questions or you would like to register your child.



Dinosaur down! After returning from winter break, students at TAI Preschool had some fun during Dinosaur Week.



# FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Kristen Hoffman, Director

December and January were fun-filled months at Religious School. We had a wonderful visit from Ava Gadon, our Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) fellow, who was eager to help and socialize with Temple members at the December Tot Shabbat, Family Service and Religious School. It is always great to get to know our fellow and to hear the ideas they bring to us from all over the South. Also in December, at the Hanukkah carnival sponsored by the Social Action Committee, families enjoyed latkes, games, a giant dreidel piñata and more!

After winter break, students were reunited and began collecting plastic bottle caps and lids for our Caps to Benches project (more information on Page 4). On Jan. 19, the Religious School convened on MLK weekend and had a very meaningful session with MLK-inspired curriculum created by ISJL. That morning, students also made sandwiches for the Catholic Action Center's Sandwich Ministry, viewed a moving video inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, and listened to Rabbi Wirtschafter's moving words.

February will kick off with a joint TAI/OZS Religious School "Havdallah Glow Party" on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. We will say goodbye to Shabbat with a fun-filled evening that will include Havdallah, music, crafts, Fazoli's and a sundae bar. February's monthly Tot Shabbat and Family Service will be on the 28th. The third-grade class and Junior Choir will be participating. Tot Shabbat starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 and services at 7. Please RSVP on Facebook or to kristen@lextai.org. There will be no Religious School on Feb. 16 in observance of Presidents Day.

Thank you so much for all of your support! Please feel free to get in touch regarding any Religious School questions or feedback.



# Friday, Feb. 28

Tot Shabbat, 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6
Family Service at 7

For dinner, please RSVP to the Temple office (269-2979 or laura@lextai.org)



# Repairing the world, one cap at a time

## Religious School needs 250 pounds of plastic tops to make into a garden bench

Tikkun olam: repair the world.

The TAI Religious School is taking that central tenet of Judaism to heart with a schoolwide recycling project that will result in a new bench for the temple's garden.

All it will take is 250 pounds of plastic bottle caps and lids. That's less than a pound for every member unit at TAI. For reference, a pound of caps (mostly bottle tops but some larger lids) fills a gallon-size zip-top bag.

The Religious School is working with Green Tree Plastics of Evansville, Ind., and its ABC Promise Partnership, which requires student participation in the collecting, sorting and weighing of the tops so the project turns into a learning experience.

The program accepts caps and lids of many types (see the box at below), but they must be a type 2, 4, or 5 recyclable plastic, and they must be clean.

Caps and lids for the Religious School's collection drive may be deposited in the clearly marked bin outside the doors to the Religious School wing. Students hope to reach their weight goal by May 3, the last day of this academic year.

Mandy Schramm, a member of the Religious School staff, is overseeing the project. If you have any questions, contact her at mschramm@gmail.com.

# Acceptable plastic tops (recycle symbols 2, 4 or 5)

- Snap-ons (i.e., butter tubs, coffee cans, yogurt, cottage cheese, spray paint, ice cream)
- Small twist-ons (water, soft drinks, milk, medicine, toothpaste, deodorant, ointments)
- Large twist-ons (detergent, mayonnaise, peanut butter)
- Spouts (mustard, shampoo/conditioner)
- ♦ Flip tops (ketchup, salad dressing)

# Unacceptable plastic tops (recycle symbols 1, 3, 6 or 7)

- Any cap with metal
- Pumps with metal spring inside (lotion, soap)
- ◆ Fast-food drink cups
- ♦ Medical supplies
- K-cups and straws
- No top larger than 8 inches in diameter





**Top:** The program accepts a variety of caps and lids, provided it's a recyclable type 2, 4 or 5 plastic.

**Left:** Donations may be deposited in the bin at the entrance to the Religious School wing.

**Below:** Benches are available in several colors.



# Hoffman stepping down as Religious School director; search underway for successor

After four years as director of TAI's Religious School, Kristen Hoffman is stepping down at the end of the school year. She will continue to work at TAI as director of marketing and development, a part-time position.

Hoffman

In a letter to parents announcing her departure, Hoffman said, "I have loved watching the kids spend time together,

learn and grow. Each year, at Confirmation, I am in awe of how inspiring the students are – how thoughtful and compassionate. . . . It has been an honor to work at TAI, and I am proud of the school we have built together."

The Youth Education Committee has named a search committee, led by chair Rebecca Young, to seek Kristen's successor. An announcement is expected before the end of the school year. Interested applicants should email and direct any questions to Young at rsmyoung@gmail.com. Applications are due by Feb. 21.

The job is part-time; hours are flexible, although attendance is mandatory on Sundays when Religious School is in session and at the monthly Friday night Family Service.

The Religious School serves children from Temple Tots through Confirmation. Among other duties, the director is responsible for educational programming; hiring teachers and aides; training, supervising and evaluating staff; serving as a liaison to families, and coordinating parent volunteer leadership.

Applicants are expected to have a bachelor's degree in education or a related field; a minimum of three years' classroom experience; knowledge of and commitment to Jewish culture and history; and the ability to work with children, staff and volunteers.

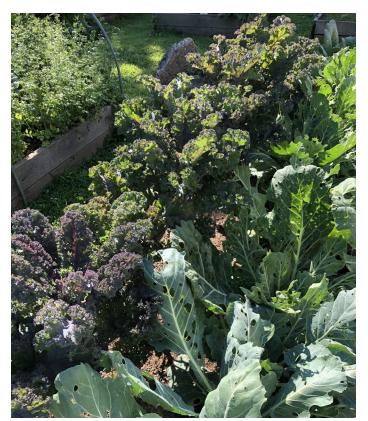
A job description featuring the complete list of duties and qualifications is available from Young; email her at the address listed above.

#### Come on and take a free ride

Since the start of the new year, Temple Adath Israel has partnered with ITN Bluegrass (Independent Transportation Network) to provide free and safe transportation to and from TAI for congregants 60 and older and those with visual impairments. The service, which started in Lexington in 2008, is "arm-through-arm, door-through-door."

Whether you want to attend services, classes or meetings; chat with Rabbi Wirtschafter; help in the kitchen; or sit in the garden, ITN rides are available daily, including holidays. Service is offered within Fayette and Northern Jessamine counties. Drivers are reliable and caring; many of them are volunteers.

If you are interested in the service or have questions, contact Lowell Nigoff at (859) 533-4957.



TAI's garden grows greens, herbs, fruits, vegetables and flowers.

# For TAI garden, it's time to 'think spring'; who wants to lend a thumb?

Although it's February in Kentucky, it's also the start of the growing season for TAI's garden.

That means master gardener Dennis Heskel, who leads the garden crew, is looking for more helpers.

The work will begin Feb. 17 with the planting of seeds of cold-weather crops (broccoli, cabbage, etc.) for transplanting. The plants will go into the ground on Sunday, March 29 (rain date April 7), with work starting at 10 a.m.

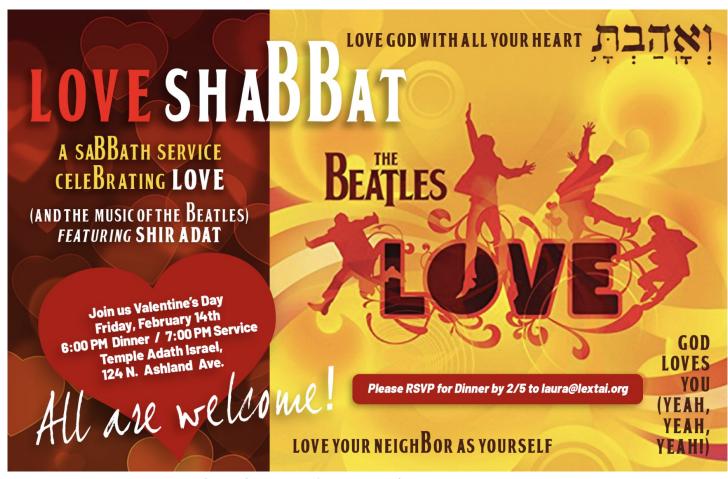
Seeds for warm-season crops such as cucumbers and squash, is set for April 18; the plants will go in the ground May 24 (rain date May 31), starting at 10 a.m.

After that, volunteers are needed for weekly watering, weeding, harvesting and succession planting through the remainder of the growing season. Volunteers also are needed to spray the garden's fruit trees with fungicide every couple of weeks starting in late February.

The garden plan calls for planting tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, assorted greens, beets, various herbs, onions, carrots, eggplant, cabbage and more. Heskel also is seeking suggestions and will try to accommodate them.

Food harvested from the garden is donated to the Hope Center and the Bob Brown House, and is used as needed for the temple's Jewish Food Festival. The Hope Center provides services to homeless and at-risk adults; the Bob Brown House is a residential facility for adults with mental or physical handicaps.

If you are interested in helping with the garden in any way, contact Heskel at dheskel@hotmail.com.



# Calendar close-ups

#### Tuesday, Feb. 4

Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light host a communitywide program, Coexisting for Climate Justice, at TAI. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with a greeting and light snacks, followed by an hourlong program at 7. Please encourage family and friends of all faiths to attend.

#### Sunday, Feb. 9



With the Broadway tour of "Fiddler on the Roof" playing this weekend at Lexington Opera House, TAI will host a Lunch and Learn at 11:30 a.m.

featuring Sheila Jelen, an associate professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at UK. She will talk about Shalom Aleichem's "Tevye, the Milkman" stories, upon which "Fiddler" is based. Participants will get a \$5 discount on preordered lunches from TAI on Rye; email Susan Voglesong at susan@ lextai.org by Feb. 5.

#### Sunday, Feb. 9

As part of TAI's Year of the Torah, Jordan Finkin, rare book and manuscript librarian at Klau Library of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will speak Finkin at 2 p.m. on "To Have and to Hold: Preserving Jewish Intellectual Culture."

Says Finkin, "Certainly since Qumran, Jewish cultural institutions have established library repositories to preserve not only their sacred textual traditions but also Jewish intellectual culture. Whether housed in private collections or public institutions, this drive to collect and preserve has remained a Jewish cultural priority ever since. This talk will tour some of the remarkable results of that drive, focusing on the collections of the Reform movement's flagship library," the Klau.

#### Sunday, March 1

Former TAI president
Jane Grisé, right, will talk at
noon about her upcoming
book, Federal Courts and
Civil Rights: Juidice v.
Vail. It's a behind-thescenes look at the develop-

scenes look at the development of a 1976 civil rights case that had important implications for consumer debt in the United States and the use of federal courts for civil rights cases.

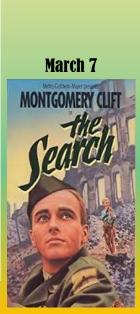
While working in New York as a legal services attorney, Grise handled the case for the appellee and successfully argued it before the U.S. Supreme Court.



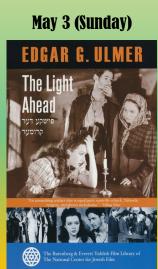
## First Saturday (or not) Film Series

6 p.m. dinner (pizza provided; bring salad or dessert to share, plus beer/wine), followed by screening and discussion with Professor Randall Roorda

















#### A very special Shabbat

TAI's observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day also was Shoeless Shabbat and a celebration of Rabbi Wirtschafer's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Left: Joining the rabbi to sing "We Shall Overcome" were, from left, Rev. Carol Ruthven, Rev. Mark Sloss, Nadia Rasheed, state Sen. Reggie Thomas, state Rep. Attica Scott, Rev. Stephanie Moon and Rev. Amanda Groves. Right: Shoeless Shabbat stemmed from the Torah portion in which God told Moses to take off his sandals before approaching the burning bush. Attendees were urged to enter the sanctuary shoeless and to donate new or used shoes for those in need; Rabbi Wirtschafter took about 50 pairs to Goodwill.



#### **New members:**

#### Ryann and Rahul Akolkar

512 Chinoe Rd., 40502

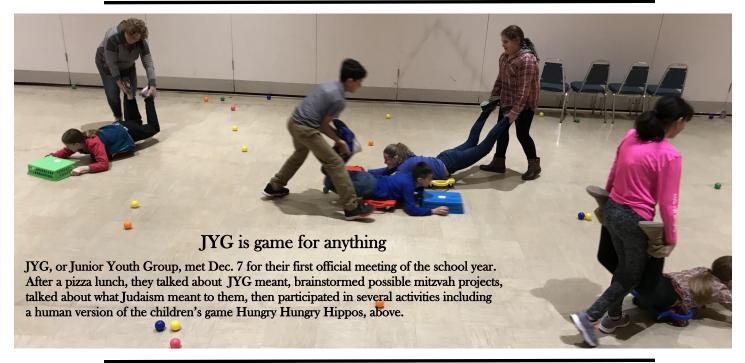
Ryann: (859) 813-5453, Ryann.akolkar@gmail.com Rahul: (914) 458-2055, Rahul.akolkar@gmail.com

#### Paul Joseph

215 McDowell Rd., 40502 (323) 687-3049, pauljos@msn.com

Ready to serve TAI volunteers, working through the Social Action Committee. prepared and served Christmas dinner for about 150 people at the Catholic Action Center. From left: Nancy Schoenberg, Josephine Hernandez, Leah Schachman, Susan Sloss, Mark Schachman and Mickey Hernandez.







Between semesters, collegians catch up with one another

Jewish college students from Lexington got together at TAI for lunch on Jan. 2 to catch up on each other's lives. From left are Felix Satin, Jacob Young, Julia Creamer, Rabbi David Wirtschfter, Lily Kaufman, Ruth Nelson, Maya Creamer, Max Young, Zach Eichner, Samantha Levine and UK Jewish Student Life Director Justin Sadle.



#### Feb. 1

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Bo — Exodus 10:1-13:16

#### Feb. 7

Shabbat with Torah commentary by Susan Sloss 7 p.m.

#### Feb. 8

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Beshalach — Exodus 13:17-17:16

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### Feb. 14

Shabbat 7 p.m.

#### Feb. 15

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Yitro — Exodus 18:1-20:23

#### Feb. 21

Shabbat 7 p.m.

#### Feb. 22

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Mishpatim — Exodus 21:1-24:18

#### Feb. 28

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat 7 p.m.

#### Feb. 29

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Terumah — Exodus 25:1-27:19

#### March 6

Hadassah Shabbat 7 p.m.

#### March 7

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Tetzaveh — Exodus 27:20-30:10

#### **KOLLEL STUDY GROUP**

Kollel meets at 9 a.m.
Saturdays, alternating with Jewish Texts, in the library. The group explores cultural, ethical and historical aspects of our 4,000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. You may join the group any time.

#### **JEWISH TEXTS STUDY**

We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic literature at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Kollel Study Group, in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join the group any time.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **Executive Committee**

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Board of Directors**

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

#### **PARSHA**

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for the week. Sessions are not held when there is a bar or bat mitzvah service.





#### Feb. 7 YBJ Shabbat Dinner

7 p.m. Join Young Bluegrass Jews for a Shabbat potluck hosted by Jordan Brennan. For more details, check the YBJ Facebook group or contact Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org.

## Feb. 9 One Book, One Lexington

1:30 p.m., Lexington Public Library Eastside Branch, 3000 Blake

James Dr. Join in an engaging discussion of Michale David Lukas' "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo," winner of the 2018 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction. Discussion will be facilitated by Cheryl Merrel. Sponsored by JFB and Lexington Hadassah. More info: Rabbi Cohen at rabbisharon@jewishlexington.org.

#### Feb. 13, 20

#### Torah Talk with Rabbi Sharon Cohen

1:30 p.m. at JFB office, 1050 Chinoe Road. High-level, discussion-based adult education class tackles themes and issues that touch us as Jews. Topics include Jewish identity, assimilation, ethics, spirituality, theology and feminism. More info: Rabbi Cohen at rabbisharon@jewishlexington.org.

#### Feb. 17

#### **Lunch and Learn With Local Rabbis**

Noon at JFB office. With Rabbi David Wirtschafter. RSVP to Rabbi Cohen at rabbisharon@jewishlexington.org.



### YAHRZEIT ... These we remember...

#### Feb. 7

Florence C. Belin Clementine Weil Bing Siegfried Bing Arnold Bockar Philip Eilenberg Marcus Engelberg Louis J. Fox Joseph N. Frankel Nathan Frankel Sr. Kenneth N. Freedman Jack Gellin Esther Rosenberg Goldberg Vladimir Goloborodko Bernard Hymes Anna Springer Jaffee Lee R. Masover Neoma Mellman Robert M. Rosenstein Mishel Rozenzhak Flsie Salzman Morton R. Sarett Freda Schumard George Shipman Philip Sobel **Emanuel Suhl** 

#### Feb. 14

Joseph Wile Sr.

Benjamin Barath Rebecca Barath Louis Berkowitz Charles Biederman Dorothy Saloshin Braun Joseph Cherin Fannie Cohen Stanley Efron Gussie Ehrlich Melvin Engel Hattie Gordon Kenneth Hart Robert Jacobson Theo Jennings David Allen Kline Margaret Liautaud

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#### Feb. 21

Leon Amster Solomon Cantor Rebecca T. Ditty Helen Edelstein Libby Fleishman Norbert I.B. Fried Claire Goldt Larry Goodman Alfred Shirley Gray Bernie Jane Hall **Ruby Helfand** Milton Heskel Jerome Mitchell Lederer Josephine Grauman Marks Sydelle Meyers Harry B. Miller Waldo B. Newell Jr. **Amy Nixon** Rose Rubin

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#### Feb. 28

Louis Abrams Sarah Fox Ades Maurice M. Ballin Mary Bercovitch Hugo Bloomfield Sadye M. Breck Lena Clebanoff I. Davis Anita Ditty Julia Fink Barbara "Bobbi" Fried Pauline Goldenberg David Allen Jacobs Linda Keplinger Hilda Kerber Annie H. Kreger Henry Loevenhart Melvin Machesney George Melcher **Shirley Miller** Henry Ravvin Irving Rosenstein Sam Rozen Phyllis Scher Alvin Seigan Lena M. Skuller

James D. Weil Martin Weil

#### March 6

Julia Bloom Isaac Capilouto Sylvia Carter Lewis Epstein Steve Fleckman Irving Fleet Carol Flomenhoft Ora Slaughter Frankel Sidney Gall Emma B. Goldman Martin Goldschmidt Reginald Ernest Haskell Lori Rebecca Hufana Hyman S. Hymson Maude S. Jacobson Robert Adam Katz Stanley Katz Harry Kessler Dora "Doris" Krekun Jack Landesberg Jack Lincoln Beatrice Milner Morris Rattner Max Saretsky Herbert P. Sarett **Robert Silverman** Larry Steur Belle Weill Weil Henrietta "Henny" Witzer

In Memoriam ...

Kenneth Dachner, brother of Rhonda (Jeff) Miller

Richard Glen Reiss, brother of Toni Reiss (Marc Plavin) and uncle of Alison (Tyler Abbott) and Rachel

**Corinne Strauss Stern** 

Rabbi Samuel Thurman

Marcia Goldstone Bograd, mother of Lou Bograd (Marion Rust) and grandmother of Max and Sadie

Jeanette Gordon, mother of Ruth (Ben) Baker and grandmother of Greg and Erin

May their memories be for a blessing

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#### **ROSE FAMILY FUND**

**Harriett Rose** in memory of Isadore J. Abraham and Alicia Rose Lom

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**Elayne and RalpH Crystal** in honor or Rabbi Wirtschafter's 50th birthday, a speedy recovery to JoAnn Miller, and in memory of Richard Reiss and Kenneth Dachner

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# Easy ways to give by doing what you already do

#### Do you shop at Amazon?



Go through the Temple website (Lextai.org) to do your Amazon shopping. Just click on the Amazon icon on the bottom half of the home page, and a portion of your purchase will go to the Temple!



Getting rid of your old car? Donate it to the temple and take a tax break! Contact Laura Creamer to find out more.

#### Buy BHG (Malone's, Drake's, Aqua Sushi, Harry's, OBC Kitchen) Gift Cards



Everyone who buys gift certificates from Bluegrass Hospitality Group may designate 20 percent of the purchase amount to Temple Adath Israel. Please note: This donation is available only with **ONLINE** purchases. Buyers are **NOT** able to make donations with gift cards purchased at BHG restaurants.

Just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to **GiveBHG.com**.
- 2. Select a BHG Gift at the bottom of the page and click on it. Fill in the amount and choose "Temple Adath Israel" from the dropdown list where it says "Charity Option."

Your gift card will be sent in the mail within two business days, and TAI will receive 20 percent of the gift card amount. It couldn't be easier!

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Register your Kroger Plus card, designate TAI as your charity of choice, and the temple will receive money each quarter based on a percentage of spending.

If you already have an online Kroger account but haven't designated TAI as your



charity, go to Krogercommunityrewards.com and sign in. From the list of charity options, choose "Temple Adath Israel."

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Go to Krogercommunityrewards.com, then:

- 1. Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- 2. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering ZIP code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 3. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- 4. Click on Edit Kroger Community
  Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card
  number.
- 5. Update or confirm your information.
- 6. Enter the NPO number (10073) for TAI or, from list of organizations, select and click on Temple Adath Israel and then click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see TAI's name on the right side of your information page. Purchases will not count for TAI until your card is registered.

If you use your phone number at the register, call 1-800-576-4377, then select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

NOTE: For TAI to receive credit for your purchases, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number linked to your registered Plus card at the time of purchase.

# February 2020

## Shevat/Adar 5880

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Movie night 6 p.m.: "The Women"
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Religious School 9:30 a.m. Town Halls, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Drums Alive 11 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light: "Coexisting for Climate Justice" 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service with Torah commentary by Susan Sloss 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. HUC Lecture 6 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School 9:30 a.m. TAI on Rye deli 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn 11:30 a.m. Jordan Finkin of HUC 2 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1 p.m. luncheon Malone's Lansdowne		Love Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No Religious School	Presidents Day  OFFICE  CLOSED	God's Pantry 5 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Shabbat 7 p.m.	Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Religious School 9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7 p.m	Jewish Texts 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.

# March 2020

## Adar/Nisan 5880

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.	Hadassah Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.  Movie night: "The Search" 6 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14
OFFICE CLOSED	Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1 p.m. luncheon Site TBA		Shabbat 7 p.m.	Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
	PURIM				
16	17	18	19	20	21
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