



Temple Adath Israel Bulletin

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Purim, COVID-19, genocide and the legacy of Elie Wiesel

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



**David
Wirschafter**

Holocaust survivor, author and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel struggled with the problematic nature of Purim. How is it that a people who has suffered so greatly can make a holiday out of a state-sponsored genocide plot and the fighting that followed? Why is it that a people that values learning, wisdom and fine distinctions created a custom calling on us to get so giddy that we cannot tell the difference between “blessed be Mordechai” and “cursed be Haman”?

What does it say about our love of justice that not only the villain but his 10 sons are killed once the king changes sides in the conflict? It doesn't sound all that Jewish, does it?

We were blessed to have Wiesel for as long as we did, but it would have been fascinating to read the insights he had to offer on the meaning of Purim during a pandemic. We inhabit a reality where wearing a mask is not reserved for holidays and parties but a discipline of daily life. Like the Persians of the Megillah, the American public has been fed misinformation about minorities while as recently as last month anti-Semites and racists had ready access to the inner courts of power when they attacked the U.S. Capitol. What would Wiesel, who spent Purim of 1945 in Buchenwald, struggling to stay alive for liberation a few weeks

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PURIM EVENTS

Zoom Megillah reading and children's story time in partnership with OZS; look for registration info in TAI's "Weekly Happenings" email, sent on Wednesdays.

Thursday, Feb. 25
6:30 p.m.: PJ Library storytime, geared to children pre-K to grade 4
7 p.m.: Megillah reading, alternating between Hebrew and English

Hamantaschen giveaway
Thanks to the generosity of Ben Kaufmann and Janet Zusman, TAI will distribute hamantaschen this month to the majority of our households. Delivery in Lexington and, if possible, surrounding communities. Look for an email with more info and a request for delivery help.

TAI is not conducting in-person services or other events until further notice. Shabbat services are broadcast via Zoom.

Doesn't a woodland walk sound good right about now?

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**Patricia
Shraberg**

After Gabriel Popkin's Tu B'Shvat program about trees in January, I couldn't help but remember the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Like many 20th-century grade-school students, I was required to memorize "Trees." It's never left me:

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

I thought of spring, hope, vaccines in the arms of everyone, and a return to our lives and activities. I also thought about a field trip to Kentucky's Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, commonly referred to simply as Bernheim Forest.

Isaac Bernheim was a Jewish immigrant who, in 1867 at age 18, came to the United States from Germany with basically nothing. He eventually moved to Kentucky and became a master distiller and distillery owner. He was a member of Adath Israel (the one in Louisville now known mainly as The Temple) and a philanthropist. In 1929, grateful for his success and to give back to Kentucky, he purchased thousands of acres in Bullitt County, south of Louisville, that are home to millions of trees, plants and various animals. He wanted to create a woodland open to all that would honor nature and the arts. Sculptures are located throughout the arboretum.

In an article in 2019, Lee Chottiner, editor of Jewish Louisville Community, an online newspaper, wrote that Bernheim "arguably ... represents Kentucky's greatest mitzvah, and not just for its beauty. The forest is a wellspring for human life, producing 102 billion pounds of oxygen per year, offsetting 465 million pounds of carbon – the



Among the many sculptures at Bernheim are three forest giants built by Danish artist Thomas Dambo with recycled wood from the region. They were installed in 2019 in conjunction with Bernheim's 90th anniversary and are expected to remain on site until 2022 or later.

equivalent of 45,853 vehicles. It protects 22 billion gallons of water annually, grows 2,400 pounds of organic produce and boasts more than 40 miles of hiking trails."

Bernheim Forest, now more than 90 years old, is full of life, history and beauty. Who wants to join me for a field trip to see all those trees and so much more? Send me an email at patshra@aol.com, and we'll work out the details.

Stay safe!

We have a winner of our "Who Is That Masked Congregant?" contest

Congratulations to Stephanie Barrett, winner of the "Who Is That Masked Congregant?" contest in last month's bulletin. She correctly matched the faces to 20 of the 26 names, winning two tickets to TAI's next Lexington Jewish Food Festival.

For those who might be wondering who was whom, check out the answer key at right.

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| A. Rhonda Miller | N. Deb Nelson |
| B. Brian Nigoff | O. Rabbi W |
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| D. Colby Cohen-Archer | Q. Lou Bograd |
| E. Mickey Hernandez | R. Toni Reiss |
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| K. Sylvia Cerel Suhl | X. Jennifer Miller |
| L. Rebecca Young | Y. Carly Conatser |
| M. Kim Rosenstein | Z. Shirley Bryan |

FROM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



**Elissa
Weinstein,
Director**

Shalom! Religious School resumed at the beginning of January after a restful winter break. It was wonderful to see everyone back and

ready to forge ahead for our second semester of the year.

In January, our fifth-grade students and their teacher, Jordan Brennan, did an excellent job of leading us in prayer at our monthly family Shabbat service. On Jan. 17 we remembered Dr. Martin Luther King at an assembly before classes began. During their classes, our students engaged in some MLK-themed programming.

Coming up in the weeks ahead, it will be the fourth-grade class's turn to lead the family Shabbat service on Feb. 12; their teachers are Susan Sloss and Diane Arson Svarlien. On Feb. 28, we'll have a Purim Fun

Day; the kids will dress up, play games in their classes, then everyone will come together with the rabbi for a skit and costume "role" call. On March 12, the combined second- and third-grade class, taught by Faith McBride-Byrne and Elaine Potts, will take part in the family Shabbat.

In thinking about our students, faculty and families, I'm reminded of the great words spoken by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner: "We can endure much more than we think we can; all human experience testifies to that."

I, too, believe we can endure more than we think that we can, even if for just a little while longer.

Garden crew prepares for new growing season; want to help?

When you're a gardener, winter means it's planning season.

Master gardener Dennis Heskell, who leads the temple gardening crew, has released the schedule for 2021 and a call for volunteers to help with watering, planting, harvesting and maintenance.

Here's the plan:

February: Plant cold-weather seeds for transplants of crops such as broccoli and cabbage, Sunday, Feb. 21. Spray Captan fungicide on fruit trees in late February, continuing every couple of weeks thereafter.

March: Plant cold-weather sets and seeds in garden beds; 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, March 21 (rain date March 28).

April: Plant seeds for warm-season transplants of crops such as cucumbers and squash on Sunday, April 11.

May: Plant warm-weather sets in garden beds; 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, May 16 (rain date May 23).

Weekly during growing season: watering, weeding, harvesting and succession plantings

Fruit and vegetables from the garden are distributed to the Bob Brown

House, an independent living facility for mentally challenged adults, and the Hope Center, which serves Lexington's homeless population; they also are used as needed in preparing food for the Lexington Jewish Food Festival. (No decision about a 2021 food festival has been made.)

If you are interested in helping with the garden in any way, email Heskell at dheskel@hotmail.com. He is expecting that, as COVID-19 vaccinations become more widespread, TAI's 2021 garden season will return to more normal operations.

RABBI

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later, have to say about Purim 2021? We will never know the answer. What we do know is that Wiesel devoted his life's work to bearing witness to genocide in the hope that future ones could be prevented. A modern-day prophet, he preached a message about the perils of apathy, complicity and inaction. Like the prophets of old, his message was and remains all too often unheeded, and millions of people have paid the price.

Though he is no longer with us, Wiesel's legacy remains. Mourning those we have lost to the pandemic is not enough. We must bear witness to their deaths by making the world

a more just and compassionate place. We must analyze the systemic failures that kept us from preventing more deaths and scrutinize the missed opportunities that would have saved more lives. So, too, we must be mindful that COVID-19 has not meant a hiatus from genocide and ethnic cleansing. The Uyghurs (China), the Rohingya (Myanmar) and the Yazidis (Iraq) remain in peril while powerful nations procrastinate instead of using their power.

This pandemic will not prevent us from celebrating Purim. There will be a Megillah reading with OZS (see sidebar on Page 1 for details) and a Purim Fun Day at our Religious School. There also is no doubt that the Jews of the Bluegrass will cele-

brate with a glass or two of bourbon via Zoom. But Purim needs to be more than a celebration; it needs to be observed. Exchanging disease-prevention masks for Purim ones during online participation is not enough. To observe Purim is to protest ethnic cleansing and genocide. To follow Esther's example requires us to use our privilege and our access to advocate for others rather than just worrying about ourselves. Please join me in contributing to American Jewish World Service (act.ajws.org), Jewish Rohingya Network (ajws.org/rohingya-crisis) and Jewish World Watch (jww.org) so we can continue Wiesel's work of bearing witness.

Wishing you a Purim of happiness, holiness and hope.



Special delivery for Tu B'Shvat

The Caring Connections Committee, with help from Rabbi Wirtschafter, distributed goodie bags to mark the "new year for trees" to Judy Worrell and other congregants in late January.

Thank You!

8 Nights of Caring Recap! Together we:

- Shared Hanukkah festivities.
- Brought the Sisterhood Gift Shop online.
- Delivered gift bags and Hanukkah cards to Caring Connections members.
- Enjoyed a beautiful concert by Dan Nichols and a lively Latke - Hamantaschen debate.
- Donated toys to The Nest.
- Socialized over Zoom trivia.
- Closed the season with Shir Adat and Rabbi W. at our Candlelight Celebration.

AND Raised \$15,541
in End-of-Year donations!

Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

Sharon Helfand and Bill Prewitt welcomed their first grandchild, Logan Michael Schwendy, on Dec. 28. His parents are Hannah (Prewitt) and Justin Schwendy.

News From



Torah Talk

1:30 p.m. Thursdays via Zoom. Participant-led, discussion of "Judaism's Great Debates: Timeless Controversies from Abraham to Herzl" by Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz. For the Zoom link, contact Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org.

JFB operations

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass office is closed to visitors until further notice, but the staff is available and ready to assist community members in need. For inquiries, contact Daniel Baker, chief engagement officer, at daniel@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 268-0672. Please note that email is best, as staff are

limiting their time in the office.

Note: The JFB office will be closed and staff will be off for all major federal holidays. Responses might be limited during this time.

Emails and e-news

If you're not getting our weekly Shabbat emails or our monthly Shalom e-News, contact Daniel Baker, daniel@jewishlexington.org, to be added to the list!

Assistance requests

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, utilities, grocery shopping, picking up a prescription or transportation to a medical appointment, Jewish Family Services can help. Contact Paula Mertens, JFS director, at jfs@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 269-8244. She will get back to you as soon as possible.

EVENTS ONLINE

The temple remains closed, and all events are online. Here's a list of regularly scheduled events and how you may participate virtually.

SHABBAT SERVICES

7 p.m. Friday; watch via Zoom

SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS

Kollec or Jewish Texts at 9 a.m., Parsha at 11 a.m. Held via Zoom; to sign up for the link, which is the same each week, email Laura at laura@lextai.org by 4 p.m. Friday.

JULIETS

This social group for women older 60 meets via Zoom from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday and Thursday. To get the link, email Toby Troffkin, tobymay@windstream.net.

TAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets the third Tuesday of the month. Email Laura at Laura@lextai.org for the Zoom link.



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Feb. 5

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 6

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

Feb. 12

Family Shabbat 7 p.m.
featuring 4th-grade class

Feb. 13

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

Feb. 19

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 20

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

Feb. 26

Shabbat 7 p.m.
Women First commentary
by Lisa Taulbee

Feb. 27

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

March 5

Shabbat 7 p.m.

March 6

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Ki Tisa — Exodus 30:11-34:35

March 12

Family Shabbat 7 p.m.
featuring 2nd/3rd graders

March 13

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayakhel-Pekudei — Exodus 35:1-40:38

March 19

Shabbat 7 p.m.

March 20

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayikra — Leviticus 1:1-5:26

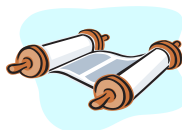
KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Jewish Texts. 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. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join any time.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Committee

Thursday, Feb. 11 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 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.

Directory updates

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TAI MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation linked to a tradition of welcoming those searching for a community committed to honoring the dignity we all share as children of the one God by embracing these enduring Jewish values: *AVODAH* (Worship); *TALMUD TORAH* (Torah Study); *TZEDEK* (Social Justice); and *KEHILAH* (Community). Our mission is to inspire our congregants' Jewish engagement and to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing the many generations of our community. We share a commitment to the Reform Jewish foundational beliefs of furthering individual and communal spiritual growth, while recognizing a range of personal philosophies, practices and needs. We are the community center through which our families can celebrate faith, justice, and the blessings of family lives present and future.



Yahrzeit ... *These we remember...*



Feb. 5

Florence C. Belin
Siegfried Bing
Abraham Blucher
Clara Blucher
Arnold Bockar
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Philip Eilenberg
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Ruth Mandel
Lee R. Masover
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Elsie Salzman
Freda Schumard
George Shipman
Emanuel Suhl
Ella Jean Taulbee
Morris Waisblum
Rosa Salmon Weil
Joseph Wile Sr.
Florence Zusman

Feb. 12

Benjamin Barath
Rebecca Barath
Louis Berkowitz
Charles Biederman
Clementine Weil
Bing
Dorothy Saloshin
Braun
Joseph Cherin
Fannie Cohen
Stanley Efron
Gussie Ehrlich
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Henry Ravvin
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Philip Sobel
Irene Starr
Reitza D.
Wirtschafter

Feb. 19

Leon Amster
Libby Fleishman
Alfred Shirley Gray
Bernie Jane Hall
Ruby Helfand
Milton Heskell
Theo Jennings
Jerome Mitchell
Lederer
Margaret Liautaud
Waldo B. Newell Jr.
Ellinor G. Newman
Charles Parker
Stephen J. "Skip"
Ross

Thelma A. See
Meyer Siegel
Nell Stepman
Leona Sugarman
Carolyn Weinberger
Evelyn R. Wides

Feb. 26

Mary Bercovitch
Hugo Bloomfield
Sadie M. Breck
Anita Ditty
Rebecca T. Ditty

Helen Edelstein
Julia Fink
Norbert I.B. Fried
Pauline Goldenberg
Claire Goldt
Larry Goodman
Sam Herman
David Allen Jacobs
Linda Keplinger
Hilda Kerber
Annie H. Kreger
Henry Loevenhart
Josephine Grauman
Marks
George Melcher
Sydelle Meyers
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Irving Rosenstein
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Max Saretsky
Jeanne Schennberg
Dr. Charles I.
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Alvin Seigan
Lena M. Skuller
Rabbi Samuel
Thurman
Martin Weil
Louise Wile

March 5

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Louise Bitman
Isaac Capilouto
Sylvia Carter
Lena Clebanoff
I. Davis
Steve Fleckman
Irving Fleet
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Frankel
Barbara "Bobbi"
Fried
Sidney Gall
Emma B. Goldman
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Maude S. Jacobson
Peter W. Josten
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Stanley Katz
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Dora (Doris) Krekun
Jack Landesberg
Avraham Lazurik
Melvin Machesney
Ethel Medsker
Beatrice Milner
Shirley Ades Platt
Morris Rattner
Phyllis Scher
Esther Schwartz
Robert Silverman
Jonathan William
Snyder
Corinne Strauss
Stern
Larry Steur
Milton Victor
Belle Weill Weil
James D. Weil
Howard Weiss
Henrietta "Henny"
Witzer

March 12

Burnis Akers
Geraldine H. Balmer
Meta Berchner
Riva Bisnovataya
Julia Bloom
Ruth Brown
D. Kay Clawson
Sylvia Cohen
Martin Cremer
Lewis Epstein
Phillip Gall
Frieda Y. Goldman
Reginald Ernest
Haskell

Samuel Charles
Hite Sr.
Regina Hustedde
Hyman S. Hymson
Jason Karpf
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Joseph Lester Levens
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Ruth Magen
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Emanuel Meyers
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Pauline Scott
Sidney Shain
Edward Shuster
David Kenneth
Sommer
Dorothy D. Stith
James M. Strauss
Nathan Waldman
Janice M. Weil
Dr. Abraham Wikler

March 19

May Abraham
Morris J. Baker
Ed Beeman
Sophie Bloomfield
Darwin James Braun
Charles Cool
Rebecca Davis
Doukas
Louis Engel
Jakob Fischer

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In Memoriam ...

Jack Cherin, brother-in-law of Charles Stern and uncle of Shirley (Jared) Bryan

May his memory be for a blessing

YAHREZEITS

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Zelma Fleischman	Nathan Kaplan	Morton Norris
John Frank	Mark Kaufman	Ephim Nudel
Michael Ralph Gross	Freda Kornreich	Isadore H. Pollack
Dora Heller	Adolf Leichtman	Stanley Scher
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Kate Hymson	Moses Moses	Robert Arnold
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		Audry Sustin
		Douglas Weinberg
		Lurie Williams

News from Lexington Hadassah

The Lexington chapter is selling Macy's gift cards for use in store or online. They are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. For payment details and to order, contact Leslie Gersten at (lhersten@yahoo.com or 714) 801-4074.

Hadassah's Shabbat Zachor services (Shabbat of Remembrance) will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at TAI and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 at OZS. Both will be on Zoom; for the links, email Evalyn Block at eblock3375@gmail.com by Feb. 16.

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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 Kroger.com/i/community/ community-rewards 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:

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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.

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The Tzedakah Fund, which supported charitable giving outside the congregation, was merged into the Tikkun Olam Fund in 2017. The rabbi uses the L'Chaim Fund to help congregants when they face financial difficulties.

Last month, the temple board approved a signed agreement with a Straus descendant to merge the fund, containing more than \$54,000, into the Tikkun Olam Fund.