SERVICES IN-PERSON, ONLINE

Reservations are not required to attend in-person Shabbat services at 7 p.m. Fridays*. Attendees must sign in, however. Services continue to be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live.



Temple Adath Israel Bulletin

April 2022

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David Wirtschafter

A return to templewide seder

The Passover seder begins with the words: "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

After two years of pandemic cancellation, we are delighted to invite you back to Temple to enjoy second-night seder with us.

Let all who are hungry for companionship come and eat.

Let all who are hungry for rubbing elbows come and eat.

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Passover Seder 6:30 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 16

To mark the 50th anniversary of women's ordination to the rabbinate, Rabbi Jennifer Lewis of Xavier University will join Rabbi Wirtschafter and TAI musician in residence Lorne Dechtenberg in leading the Seder.

Seating limited to 100; reservation deadline is Monday, April 11.
Online reservation/payment form at bit.ly/TAlseder.



Marking a milestone for female rabbis

In 1972, Sally Priesand became the first woman in the United States to be ordained as a rabbi. To mark the 50th anniversary of that milestone, Rabbi Jennifer Goldstein Lewis of Xavier



Rabbi Jennifer Lewis

University in Cincinnati will help lead TAI's congregational seder on Saturday, April 16.

Lewis is interfaith program director

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* Service time change

Shabbat services on April 15, the first night of Passover, will be at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate those with seder plans that evening.

I can't wait for Passover; what's not to love!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Rich Ornstein

wait for it to get here! Everybody has a favorite Jewish holiday. Passover is mine.

> What's not to love? It's a holiday built around family and friends. And it is a trend-setting holiday. Thanks

Passover is on the

horizon, and I can't

to Passover, life during the pandemic was a breeze. We already knew how to dress for, and act during, Zoom Sabbaths. For Passover, we wear comfortable clothes, we slouch, and we have several glasses of wine, the four for the blessings and one or two more during dinner. For Zoom Sabbath, we wear comfortable clothes (at least below camera level), we slouch, and we have several glasses of wine. The only difference between Passover and Zoom Sabbath is the food. For Passover, it's gefilte fish and matzo balls. For Sabbath, who hasn't done HaMotzi with a slice of pizza?

All joking aside, I love Passover because of family. Angie and I will be in Louisville with our Ornstein family for the first-night seder, a night that I'm sure will be full of memories for years to come. The second-night seder should be just as memorable, as it will be an evening spent with so many of you, our TAI family, as the temple brings back our second-night seder service.

I'm a boxing fan. Like a boxer, COVID-19 came out strong in the early rounds. It left us dazed, perhaps even a

little confused, but we regrouped. Now we're in the middle rounds and are making our comeback. And we are coming back strong. Second-night seder is part of that comeback, and it will be a night to remember, a night of fellowship, prayer and excellent food.

I look forward to seeing you at TAI's many upcoming events!

Rebecca Young is this month's featured volunteer. Rebecca knows TAI. She grew up here, and she loves TAI. She has been a youth group advisor, an active member of Sisterhood and served on the Board of Directors. Any time I have asked for advice, she has been there to provide it. Rebecca is one of the people who made this year's Purim Carnival a huge success, and she has been instrumental in helping plan upcoming TAI social events.



Rebecca Young

From reading my columns, you might have picked up that I like "doers." Rebecca is a doer. She is a leader but also a team player. Rebecca tells you what she thinks and doesn't always sugarcoat it. I admire that. While I might not always agree with her advice, I welcome it because I know it is well-meaning.

Being TAI President provides wonderful opportunities. One of those is meeting and getting to know interesting people like Rebecca Young. Get to know Rebecca. You'll be glad you did.

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Let all who are hungry to sing together come and sing.

Let all who are hankering for an afikomen hunt come and seek it.

Let all who are eager to ask the four questions together come and ask them.

Let all who are eager to break matzo together come and break it.

Let all who have been craving charoset come and taste it.

Let all who have missed

Let all who have missed dipping parsley together come and dip it.

Let all who love setting tables come and set them.

Let all who are willing to schlep chairs come and schlep them.

Let all who excited to open the door for Elijah come and open it.

Let all who look forward to four cups of wine (or grape juice)

come and drink them.

Let all you missed our Temple seder come and join us for a night of joy and celebration.

May this Passover be a major turning point in this pandemic.

May masks be reserved for Purim once more.

May our seders be marked with health and happiness.

And may all who are hungry come and eat.

Chag Sameach!

LEWIS

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and Jewish chaplain at the Center for Faith and Justice at Xavier. She came to the rabbinate after getting an undergraduate degree in government and economics and a master's in agricultural economics, and working in politics and as an urban conservationist with the USDA. As she found herself connecting more deeply with her Jewish faith, Lewis decided to enroll at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem and Cincinnati. She was ordained in 2005.

Lewis, who was born in New Jersey and raised on Galveston Island, Texas, considers herself a Jewish pluralist, valuing intra- and interfaith learning experiences. She has training in clinical pastoral education and served as a community-based rabbi and chaplain before joining the Center for Faith and Justice.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Elissa Weinstein, Director

Shalom! Religious School is moving along and beginning to wrap up the school year now that spring is here. Even through the cold weather, we were able to gather to celebrate Purim, get things started in the garden, start prepping seder plates for Passover and bake some delicious hamantaschen!

In March, our Religious School celebrated Purim. We gathered in the sanctuary for a silly megillah reading,

sang Purim songs, had a costume parade, and finished all of that just in time to check out the Purim Carnival. It was wonderful seeing our students and families playing games, bouncing and jumping, eating pizza and enjoying one another's company. Our tzedakah project this year has not raised an actual ton of food, but we are close to collecting 400 pounds, which is pretty amazing.

In March, our second-grade class led us in prayer for our monthly Family Shabbat. *Kol Hakavod* to Faith McBride-Byrne, Laine Fine and their students; they did a wonderful job! March was the last class-led Family Shabbat service for this school year (excluding Confirmation). I'm so proud of each class that led services this school year.

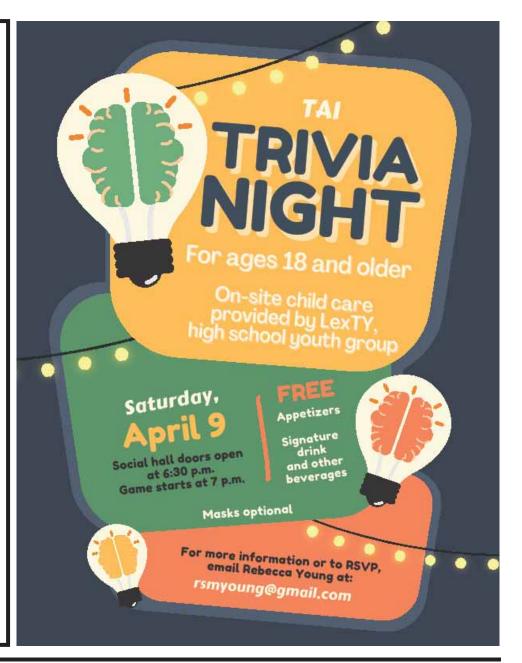
Each class worked hard not only perfecting their Hebrew but also reading English sections from the siddur. Some classes sang and others conquered speaking in front of crowds. Mazel toy to our teachers and their students!



From TAI Security Committee

Did you know that April is
Distracted Driving Awareness
Month? At 55 mph, a foursecond text takes your eyes
off the road while you travel the
full length of a football field!
Distracted driving can be deadly.
It's not about skill; multitasking
is a myth. When you're behind
the wheel, put your phone away
and just drive.







Camp Shalom

Registration Now Open Ages 4-15

Session I July 11-15

Superhero Week

Session II July 18-22

Science/STEM Week

Session III July 25-29

Sports Week/Maccabiah Games

Early and Late Stay available for additional fee July 11- July 29 at Temple Adath Israel 9am - 4pm

To Register: https://bit.ly/3M48CC5 *Sibling and UK Employee discounts available

For more information visit: www.jewishlexington.org/get-involved/campshalom/



Programs tied to exhibits by Jewish artist, on female rabbis

■ Jewish artist Siona Benjamin, who creates crosscultural and transcultural works, will be at Centre College in Danville on April 7 in conjunction with her exhibit there, "Beyond Borders: The Art of Siona Benjamin."

The 7 p.m. event will include a talk by Benjamin about her work and a screening of "Blue Like Me," a documentary short that highlights a Fulbright project Benjamin completed while traveling in India.

"Beyond Borders," on display at Centre's Norton Center through May, was curated by Shana Sippy. The April 7 event will be in Newlin Hall at the Norton Center.

■ A livestream reception and program for the art exhibit "Holy Sparks: Celebrating 50 Years of Women in the Rabbinate" is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7. The exhibit, currently on display at the Dr. Bernard Heller Museum at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, will move to the Skirball Museum

at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati for a 3½-month run starting May 19.

"Holy Sparks" illuminates the creativity, commitment, and vision of 24 women who were "firsts" in their time. Their challenges and contributions, struggles and successes represent the achievements of the nearly 1,500 female rabbis of all movements who have transformed Jewish tradition, worship, spirituality, scholarship, education and pastoral care.

The 6:30 p.m. program consists of a conversation among "the first four": Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman ordained as a Reform rabbi in the United States (1972); Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, the first woman ordained in the Reconstructionist movement (1974); Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained by the Conservative movement (1985), and Rabba Sara Hurwitz, the first Orthodox-ordained rabba (2009).

To register for the program, go to Bit.ly/sparksreception.



Purim 2022

The Purim Carnival was the last big event at TAI before the pandemic lockdown and it was the first to return two years later. The games, above, and inflatables, right, were as popular as ever. At the community celebration and megillah reading, former TAI presidents Ken Slepyan and Pat Shraberg, below, argued for the Irish during a St. Patrick's Day vs. Purim debate.







Stephanie Doctrow Silver and Andrew Silver welcomed their first child, Talia Rachel Silver, on Feb. 22 in Louisville. Talia is the great-granddaughter of **David and Jan Doctrow**, the granddaughter of Matt and Amy Doctrow,

and the great-niece of Mindy Heller and Rob and Lisa Doctrow.





Standing in solidarity with Ukraine

Rabbi Wirtschafter took part in a peace vigil in solidarity with Ukraine in downtown Lexington on March 3. The vigil, organized by the Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Council, followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.





Young Bluegrass Jews Passover Seder

Saturday, April 16; time and location will be shared in the YBJ Facebook group. Potluck dinner; open to ages ages 21-39 with RSVP. For more information or to RSVP, contact Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org.

Downtown DiverCity Festival

Noon-7 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza, East Main Street and North Limestone. Stop by the JFB table and learn about the diversity Lexington has to offer. More information: daniel@jewishlexington.org and Divercitylexington.com.

Torah Talk

1:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, email Aylene Kovensky-Gard at aylenekg@gmail.com.

Save the Dates

- Yom HaShoah Commemoration. 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. More details to come. Contact Mindy Haas at mindy@jewishlexington.org.
- JFB annual meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Temple Adath Israel. More details to come; Contact: mindy@jewishlexington.org.



Emails and e-news

If you're not receiving our weekly Shabbat or "Beyond the Bluegrass" emails, get on the list by contacting Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org.

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 (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

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April 15

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April 29

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May 6

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In Memoriam ...

Leslie Guttman, daughter of Estelle Hamburg

May her memory be for a blessing



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Study groups meet in person with a Zoom option.

April 1

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 2

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.

Tazria — Leviticus 12:1-13:59

April 8

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 9

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Metzorah — Leviticus 14:1-15:33

April 15

Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

(note time change for first night of

Passover)

April 16

No study sessions

Festival service at OZS 9:30 a.m.

April 22

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 23

No study sessions

Festival service at OZS 9:30 a.m.

April 29

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 30

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Aharei Mot — Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Mary 6

Shabbat 7 p.m.

<u>May 7</u>

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Aharei Mot — Leviticus 16:1-18:30

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.



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.



Endowment Committee

Executive Committee

Board of Directors

Thursday, April 14 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m.

Annual meeting

Sunday, May 22, time TBA

<u>PARSHA</u>

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 update

New address

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