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Temple Adath Israel Bulletin

Mid-March/April 2023

Adar/Nisan/Iyar 5783

Passover, Yizkor and joining the club

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David
Wirtschafter

My long-time friend Ori Weisberg and I have a lot in common. We were born on the same day just two years apart. We attended the same schools. We played the same instrument in the same orchestras. We went to the same congregation. When Ori's father died exactly one year after mine, he turned to me at the end of the funeral and said, "This is not the club I wanted to join you in." That was 18 years ago. Fast forward to the present day, the spring of 2023/5783, and Shana, with whom I have shared most of my adult life, has joined the club of losing a parent. She never wanted to enter the ranks of membership, and I was not looking forward to welcoming

her into this society. There are plenty of good things we share. We do not need the loss of a parent to have one more thing in common.

There is a practice that those who have *not* lost a parent, spouse, sibling or child should recuse themselves from Yizkor, the memorial service held on Yom Kippur and during Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot. You might recall that on Yom Kippur we offer those who are not strictly obligated to attend this service the chance to leave the sanctuary and return for Neilah. Even when she accompanied me in my student pulpit days almost 30 years ago, Shana would quietly depart for Yizkor. To be clear, in Reform congregations this is entirely a matter of choice. One should remain in the sanctuary or recuse oneself from Yizkor based on what one thinks is appropriate. I've always respected Shana's interpretation that Yizkor is for

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Congregational Seder 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6

Mersack & Stern Social Hall

To reserve a seat at the table, go to
[Bit.ly/TAIseder2023](https://bit.ly/TAIseder2023) or call the office
at (859) 269-2979.



Look inside for what's coming up

- **March 18**
Ales & Illusions
- **March 19**
Kosher wine tasting
- **March 22, 23**
Moosnick lecture series
- **March 26**
Matzah Bake & Bag
- **April 16**
Tai on Rye pop-up deli
- **April 30**
Ya Rbi! Moroccan
Jewish Celebratory
and Liturgical Music
- **May 6**
Kentucky Derby Party

A perfect combo: food, community

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**Rich
Ornstein**

I hope you will join me in welcoming back Rabbi Wirschafter from his sabbatical and travels. While I think we did a great job in his absence, on behalf of TAI's Board and staff, we are elated that he is back at 124 North Ashland Avenue.

For those who have read my articles over the last two years, you might have noticed a common theme through many of them: food and community. Nothing goes together better than food and community. Food and

community are like peanut butter and jelly, cheese and crackers, and my Kentucky favorite, bourbon and ice. Food and community bring us together and make us a family. If you only read two emails a week, I encourage you to check out TAI's Wednesday and Friday emails. Between the two of them, you will usually find a food and community opportunity.

For instance, Rebecca Young is organizing an Israeli Wine Tasting on Sunday, March 19, in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall. Having attended Rebecca and Joe's Hanukkah beer and donut pairing event, I have no doubt

this is going to be an awesome occasion.

One of my favorite events from last year was TAI's Passover Seder. This year's Seder will be on Thursday, April 6. Don't forget to RSVP (see the online link on Page 1). Last year, we had about 100 of our friends in attendance. The food was excellent and the camaraderie was phenomenal.

Ten days later, on Sunday, April 16, TAI on Rye will be back! I hope you make it out for a pastrami sandwich and a bowl of matzo ball soup. We are lucky that Mary Engel, Nick Fain, Pat Shraberg and the rest of the crew are kind enough to share their culinary talents with all of us.

These upcoming activities are some of the highlights of being part of such a great community. I hope that if you see an event that interests you, whether it's a "lunch and learn" such as the recent book reading by author Moriel Rothman-Zecher (thank you Miriam Silman and Shana Sippy for making this happen) or something like Lisa Miller's February prayer collage workshop, you sign up, make new friends or renew old acquaintances, and participate with your TAI family. And since we are a Jewish community, why not try a Shabbat Service followed by a Sisterhood-sponsored oneg (the fourth Friday every month), or join one of our Saturday morning study sessions (what's better than a bagel with a side of spirituality).

There are a lot of wonderful things going on at TAI. I hope you can be part of the fun.



**Sunday,
April 16**

**11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mersack & Stern
Social Hall**

Orders for chopped liver are due
by 5 p.m. April 11; email
lexjewishfoodfestival@
gmail.com

ISRAELI WINE TASTING

MAR 19 | SUN | 2 PM

**MERSACK & STERN SOCIAL HALL
TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL**

Just in time for Passover, we're hosting a kosher wine tasting led by CJ Penn from Total Wine. The tasting includes six wines, representing the six regions in Israel. We'll discuss what makes wine kosher, the history of winemaking in Israel, and so much more!



**This event is free; childcare will be provided.
RSVP to rsmyoung@gmail.com by March 15**



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Elissa Weinstein,
Director**

It seems like we just returned from winter break, yet the trees are blooming and our students are getting ready to help with the garden once again. In February we welcomed Tu BiShvat by experiencing a Tu BiShvat seder. All of our students drank grape juice, talked about the seasons and tasted a number of wonderful foods. Speaking of fulfilling experiences, our students and families have done so much this year by purchasing various items for Hindman Settlement School, which was damaged by the severe flooding in Eastern Kentucky last summer. We're so proud of the impact they're having. We also had some good old-fashioned fun celebrating Purim. It was wonderful seeing everyone dressed up.


Even our cooking classes got in on the fun and made hamantaschen leading up to Purim.

Our second Friday of the month Family Shabbats have been going great. In February, our third-grade class took its turn leading out congregation. You could tell they worked hard in preparation for this honor. Third grade is taught by Faith McBride-Byrne, Diane Arnson Svarlien and Amanda Palley. During their class time they have been working on Hebrew prayers/vocabulary, discussing Jewish holidays and highlighting different people in the Torah. In March, our Kindergarten/first-grade class took its turn hosting and also did a great job! The class is taught by Emily Hinkle, Laine Fine and Gloria Falach. During class time, the children have been learning the Aleph Bet and about Jewish values, and talking about Jewish holidays. Please mark your calendars for the remaining Family Shabbat of the school year on April 14. Our Junior Choir has performed songs during the family services, and it's been wonderful.

We are looking forward to springtime and wrapping up another wonderful Religious School year.


Reminder: Our spring break will be April 2-9, and the last class of the year will be May 7.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m.
 Temple Adath Israel



Ya Rbi!
**Moroccan Jewish
 Celebratory &
 Liturgical Music**

A concert featuring Dr. Vanessa Paloma
 Elbaz of the University of Cambridge and
 French-Moroccan musicians
Mostafa Benhmed and Abdallah Hachami





James Jay Wittman, the grandson of Rob and Kim Rosenstein, was born Feb. 3. He is the son of Jamie Rosenstein Wittman and Jeff Wittman of Lexington.



Larry Herman and Pam Allweiss welcomed their second grandson, Noah Caleb Herman Allen, on Feb. 17. Noah is the son of Jonathan Herman and Kristen Allen of Arlington, Va.

RABBI

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direct mourners. Now, with the death of her mother, Roni Sippy, Shana will be with me, with us, in the sanctuary for Yizkor, in the club no one wants to join. There is the old joke about “never say never.” A similar logic holds true for the use of the word *always*. “It is always good to see you” does not apply to circumstances such as funerals, shiva minyans, yahrzeits and Yizkor. Yizkor will be more meaningful with Shana in the room, but I wish she did not have a reason to be there.

It is poetically fitting that the first Yizkor Shana will observe for her mother is that of Passover. They loved making matzo ball soup, macaroons and other Pesach specialties together. As a therapist and

an academic, they enjoyed the robust discussion, interpretation and analysis that makes the seder so compelling. They delighted in hosting one another along with family and friends, whether we were at Roni’s place in Berkeley or wherever the rabbinic journey has taken us over the years. Like life itself, the Hillel sandwich, combining *charoset* and *maror*, asks us to accept the bitter with the sweet. So, too, we can be happy for having loved ones in our lives while being sad there are some who no longer are with us.

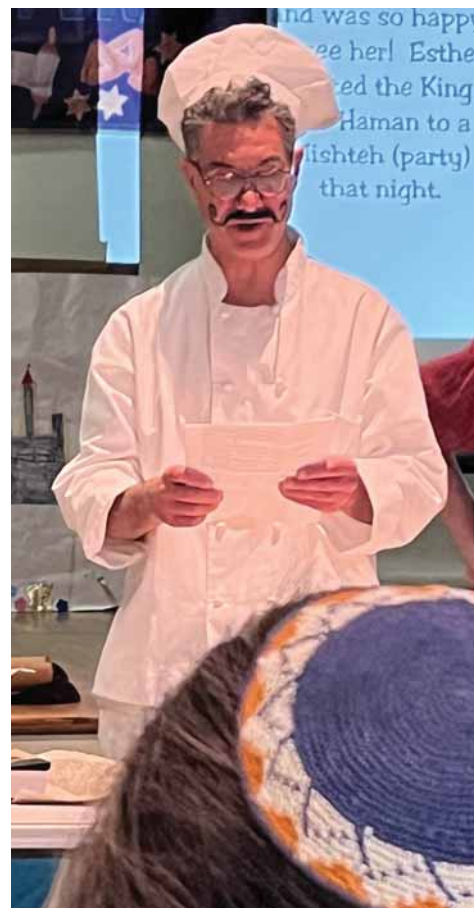
Generally speaking, with the exception of Yom Kippur, Yizkor is commemorated with our friends at OZS. Whether you are obligated strictly speaking to attend the service or think it fitting to be there to express your support for those who are, consider making communitywide

Yizkor a part of your Passover and festival observance. This year, the Lexington Jewish community’s Passover Yizkor will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Like Passover and the journey of life, Yizkor contains multiple and sometimes conflicting truths. It is a club no one wants to be part of, yet the presence of every person makes the pain of our loss a little easier to bear. When we prioritize Yizkor, shiva and yahrzeit, we fulfill multiple mitzvahs. These solemn rituals honor the memory of our departed and allow us to comfort one another in times of grief. May the sadness of Yizkor increase our appreciation of Pesach, and may the joy of Pesach alleviate the sadness of Yizkor.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Passover.



A poster for a Kentucky Derby Party. At the top is a blue silhouette of a horse and jockey running. Below it is a red banner with the text "Run for the Roses!" in white cursive. Under the banner, the words "KENTUCKY DERBY" are in large blue block letters, and "Party" is in a large blue cursive font. At the bottom, a dark blue silhouette of a building with two flags on top contains the text "FOOD, DRINKS, WAGERING, HAT CONTEST" in white block letters, "5 p.m. Saturday, May 6" in white block letters, and "MERSACK & STERN SOCIAL HALL" in white block letters.



Back to (funny) business

On his first day back from sabbatical, Rabbi Wirschafter celebrated Purim, reading from the megillah during the Lexington Jewish community’s celebration at OZS. And no, he didn’t grow that mustache while he was gone.

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Saturday, March 18, 2023

7:30 - 10:30pm

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Matzah Bake & Bag

Join PJ Library for a fun afternoon of baking matzah and decorating an Afikomen bag that your family can use for seders to come!



Sunday March 26

1:30-3:00 pm

Temple Adath Israel

rsvp: carly@jewishlexington.org

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Young Bluegrass Jews Passover Seder

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

Hosted by Daniel Baker and Tyler Arvin. All YBJers and their spouses/friends are invited. Please bring a non-dairy side and a bottle of wine to share. RSVP required by April 2 on the YBJ Facebook group, or contact Daniel at Daniel@jewishlexington.org.

The New Faces of Israel

April 14-16. Recent Israeli high school graduates doing a service year in the U.S. will be in Lexington to engage with our community. Details to be announced. Contact Joy Fisher at joy@jewishlexington.org for more information.

Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration

2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at TAI. For more information, contact Joy Fisher at joy@jewishlexington.org.

Emails and e-news

If you are not receiving our weekly Shabbat or "Beyond the Bluegrass" emails, get on the list by contacting 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.



YAHREZEIT ... *These we remember...*



March 17

May Abraham
Burnis Akers
Morris J. Baker
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D. Kay Clawson
Louis Engel
Zelma Fleischman
John Frank
Michael Ralph
Gross
Leslie Guttman
Dora Heller
Kate Hymson
Peter W. Josten
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Isadore H. Pollack
Stanton Schuman
Esther Schwartz
Pauline Scott
Sidney Shain
David Kenneth
Sommer
Dorothy D. Stith
James M. Strauss
Robert Arnold
Strauss
Audry Sustin
Milton Victor
Howard Weiss
Douglas Weinberg
Rose Wolfson

March 24

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Banks
Rose Newhoff
Bloomfield
Harold Boian

Darwin James
Braun
Arlene Cobin
Charles Cool
Dr. Maurice S.
Davis
Dorothy Doran
Dr. Charles F.
Elton Jr.
Lillian Frumberg
Phillip Gall
Sidney Gall
Adolf Kerber
Harry Klein
Cindy Jennings
Kline
Adolf Leichtman
Harry Mertens
Moses Moses
William Moses
Morton Norris
Ephim Nudel
Stanley Scher
Gerald Schumer
Pavel Sheftel
Nell S. Straus
Corinne Wachtel
Sidney Wachtel
Nathan Waldman
Mrs. Simon
(Matilda) Weil
Betsy Wides
Ben Abraham
Zuckerman

March 31

Hennie Abel
Jacob Abraham
Millie M.
Abramson
Michael Adelstein
Lillie Bederman
Mildred Cool
Virginia Floyd
Gitel Grobstein
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April 7

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Minna H.
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Margaret Effron
Mike Engel
Mischa Harry
Fayer

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Wittgenstein
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Mina Rubel
Fred Samani
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April 21

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Abou-Jaoude
Robert Cohen
Eleanor Crystal
Leon Darlow
Shari A. Eldot
Celia Flomen
Barbara Hymson
Frommer
Sol Levy
Rabbi Albert
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MacDuffee
Milton Potash
Stephen Schultz
Robert Spickard
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Isadore Weiss
William
Wenneker

April 28

Adele Aberson
Mary Ann
Baumstark
Bernard Brill
Olga Davis
Henry Diamond
Freda Dunn
Faye Friedman
Minna
Goldenberg
Robert "Bob"
Goldman
Ballard Hall
Arthur Kant
Herbert Liebman
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McElroy
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Miller
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In Memoriam ...

Roni Sippy, mother of Shana Sippy (David Wirtschafter), grandmother of Zachariah and Emanuelle Wirtschafter Sippy

Adele and Norman Potter, parents of Daniel (Terri) Potter and Michael (Elaine) Potter

Abe Rabiner, husband of Marian Rabiner, father of Andy (Robin) Rabiner and Mollie Rabiner

*May their memories
be for a blessing*



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Study groups meet in person with a Zoom option.

March 17

Shabbat 7 p.m.

March 31

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 14

Family Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 28

Shabbat 7 p.m.

March 18

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

April 1

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Tzav — Leviticus 6:1-8:36

April 15

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Shemini — Leviticus 9:1-11:47

April 29

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Aharei Mot-Kedoshim — Leviticus 16:1-20:27

March 24

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 7

Shabbat 7 p.m.

April 21

Shabbat 7 p.m.

May 5

Shabbat 7 p.m.

March 25

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

April 8

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Pesach Shabbat — Exodus 33:12-34:26

April 22

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Tazria-Metzorah — Leviticus 12:1-15:33

May 6

Jewish Texts/Kollet 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Emor — Leviticus 21:1-24:23

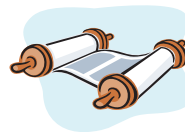
KOLLET STUDY GROUP

Kollet 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 Kollet Study Group. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join any time.



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.

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Executive Committee

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

*Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

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

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

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

* Date change

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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.



Mara H. Benjamin, Irene Kaplan Leiwant Professor and Chair of Jewish Studies at Mount Holyoke College, will give this year's Moosnick Lecture.

Moosnick Lectureship in Judaic Studies presents:

Mara H. Benjamin

Stewardship and Its Discontents: Challenging Theological Paradigms in an Age of Climate Change

Wed., March 22, 7 pm | Transylvania, Strickland Auditorium

Becoming Earthbound: Jewish Thought in an Age of Climate Change

Thurs., March 23, 7 pm | Temple Adath Israel

Register for both events at:

transy.edu/moosnick.

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