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Another prayer for peace

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David
Wirtschafter

The days since Hamas attacked Israel have been incredibly painful. Yet, despite this latest round of violence in Israel/Palestine, we maintain our practice of praying for peace. Anger and anxiety are running high. The capacity to see humanity in one another is dipping dangerously low. Too many in positions of authority in this conflict are reverting to familiar patterns of retaliation rather than pursuing peace. Families are spending sleepless nights worrying about loved ones taken captive. People are weeping over the deaths of family members lost to this latest cycle of destruction. Thinking of those enduring these circumstances should be the priority now rather than trying to advance a political objective through military might.

The point has been made

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Traveling exhibition
Nov. 9 - Jan. 4 in Georgetown
at Scott County Public Library
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Need a pastrami fix?

Our pop-deli returns
Sunday, Oct. 29
Noon-2 p.m.

Mersack & Stern Social Hall

To order containers of chopped liver
for pickup at the deli, go to
TAIonRyejewishdeli.square.site.

On being 'religious enough'

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**Rich
Ornstein**

There have been some wonderful things occurring at TAI during the past 2½ years. Being president has generally been a fantastic experience, until now, when I thought I had run out of ideas for this column. Then I thought about religion and my initial doubts about whether I was religious enough to be president.

Before my tenure began, I remember reading, perhaps occasionally, articles by past presidents

Jonathan Miller, Deb Nelson and Pat Shraberg. Many of those articles touched on elements of Judaism. If you have read my columns, you'd note that I don't touch on those elements. While I attended Louisville's Eliahu Academy as a child, was Bar Mitzvahed, confirmed and can read Hebrew, I'm not a Jewish scholar, and I'm never going to be a Jewish scholar. I am the last person who will tell anyone what it takes to be a "good" Jew.

Before joining the Board of Directors, I was a "Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur" Jew. While I don't attend

services regularly enough for some of our congregants, I have developed a special appreciation for when I do attend services. I am not at TAI every Shabbat, and while that might disappoint some, that is my choice as a "good" Jew. While I hope to see many of you at future services and encourage in-person attendance for those who are able, I honor and respect your choice to attend remotely or in person whenever it works best for you. I hope others feel the same way.

I am not Jonathan Miller, Deb Nelson, Pat Shraberg or other past temple presidents who were comfortable referencing Jewish customs, traditions and religions in their columns. While there was a time I wished I was like them — and for what it's worth, I wish I could get on the bimah and play guitar and sing our prayers with Jonathan's enthusiasm — but I'm not them, I'm me. I state this because I hope that, regardless of whether you think you are "religious enough" to be on TAI's Board of Directors, Executive Committee or to be temple president, you realize you are religious enough to hold any of these positions and be a leader at TAI. No one has the right to tell you whether you are religious enough. That is a personal belief and feeling, and while I might not feel comfortable quoting from the Torah, the Haftarah or other religious documents, I am a Jew and I hope you will consider taking on a leadership positions.

For our non-Jewish congregants, many of whom are very active at TAI, remember you can still be a TAI leader, serve on the board and in the positions of secretary and treasurer. I hope you also take the opportunity to become a TAI leader. For TAI to remain strong, it will require congregants, Jewish and non-Jewish, to take active leadership roles.



A slice for Sukkot

Rabbi Wirschafter served pizza to the masses during Sukkah Hop on Oct. 2. The community event, sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, drew a crowd to TAI's lawn.



FROM SISTERHOOD

**Elissa Weinstein,
President**

Shalom Sisters! I hope everyone had a healthy and happy new year.

We have a lot of fun programs planned for the coming year. Highlights include a Hanukkah cookie swap, a day of wellness with yoga and a trip to a salt cave, a painting night out, and blanket making. We can't wait to get together.

If you have been a Sisterhood member in the past or would like to join, please be on the lookout for membership information that will arrive in the mail this month. You also can contact me at taisisterhoodpresident@gmail.com.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Elissa Weinstein,
Director**

Shalom! Religious School has been in session since Sept. 10, and things are going great. We began our first day with an assembly in the sanctuary, then moved into the classrooms to reconnect after a summer apart. It's been wonderful seeing our children engaged in Jewish learning. We celebrated Yom Kippur and a little bit of Sukkot before our fall break. It's safe to say that creating an edible sukkah was high on each student's list of ways to celebrate this year.

As part of our school day on Sunday, Oct. 29, Consecration for our newest students will be at 11:30 a.m. Consecration typically occurs in kindergarten and marks the beginning of a young person's formal religious education. We love the special tradition of having our oldest students help our youngest students march into the sanctuary to begin this service! *L'dor v'dor*.

I want to extend my appreciation and thanks to the following people and families for sponsoring our annual Religious School Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale. A big *Kol Hakavod* goes out to Debbie Masters and Nick Fain, Betty and Lowell Nigoff, Rich and Angie Ornstein, Karen Petrone and Ken Slepyan, Linda and Leon Ravvin, Kim and Rob Rosenstein, the Schwartz Family, Pat and David Shraberg, Samye and Darryl Stith, Marc Plavin and Toni Reiss, the Weinstein Family, the Wirschafter Sippy Family, Rebecca and Joe Young, Judy and Len Boral, Jan and Jerry Cerel, Laura and Trevor Creamer, Mary and Bruce Engel, Amy Gewirtz, Judi Gewirtzman, Ann Rosenstein-Giles and Bill Giles, Jane and Bill Gris , Connie and John Loventhal, and an anonymous donor. Your support helped put this fundraiser over the top.

Tot Shabbat and family services are back as well. We'll begin with a Welcome Back Family Shabbat on Oct. 27. If you have a child or grandchild up to age 5, don't forget to mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. on the same night as Family Shabbat, which starts at 6 p.m. with a free dinner, open to everyone, in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall, followed by services at 7. Additional Family Shabbats through the remainder of 2023 will be Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. We can't wait to see our students back on the bimah, leading our congregation with ease and confidence.

RABBI

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repeatedly that peace treaties are signed by enemies. I don't call on the leaders representing all parties in this conflict to like one another. Peace talks are not predicated on friendship. Rather, they are founded on the notion that remaining mortal foes is unsustainable and fatally flawed. Peace starts by arriving at the painful conclusion that nobody wants to keep living this way because it is no way to live. Reconciliation requires that we take our hands off each other's throats, not so that we can kiss and make up but so we can breathe. For too long the opposing parties in this decadeslong conflict have decried the lack of a reliable partner as the primary reason for the lack of progress. No one in the history of armed conflict ever had an opponent they liked working with. Peace treaties are negotiated between parties that distrust and despise one another. We are not doomed to allowing present animosity to derail the possibility of peaceful future.

We need look back no further than the haftorah (reading from the Prophets) for Yom Kippur afternoon to

be reminded of how hatred blinds us from rationality and responsibility. Jonah does not want Assyria to repent. The angry prophet does not want the city of Nineveh to be saved. He is not interested in Israel's enemies undergoing a change of heart. He wants to see them destroyed. Neither Israel nor its enemies will ever achieve progress with a Jonah point of view. Hating Hamas and Hezbollah is understandable. The desire to defeat them is a rational military objective. The same cannot be said of destroying Gaza, demolishing Palestinian homes, and displacing Palestinian people. If the last 75 years have taught us nothing, it is that no amount of killing will end this conflict. Military might will not solve the underlying political problem of getting two peoples to live peacefully on the same land. It is unrealistic and illogical to expect a change in outcome without a change of direction.

*God of Mercy and Compassion:
May those in captivity be released.
May the wounded recover from their injuries.
May the grieving be comforted.
May the memory of the dead be a blessing.
And may the leaders of all peoples engaged in this*

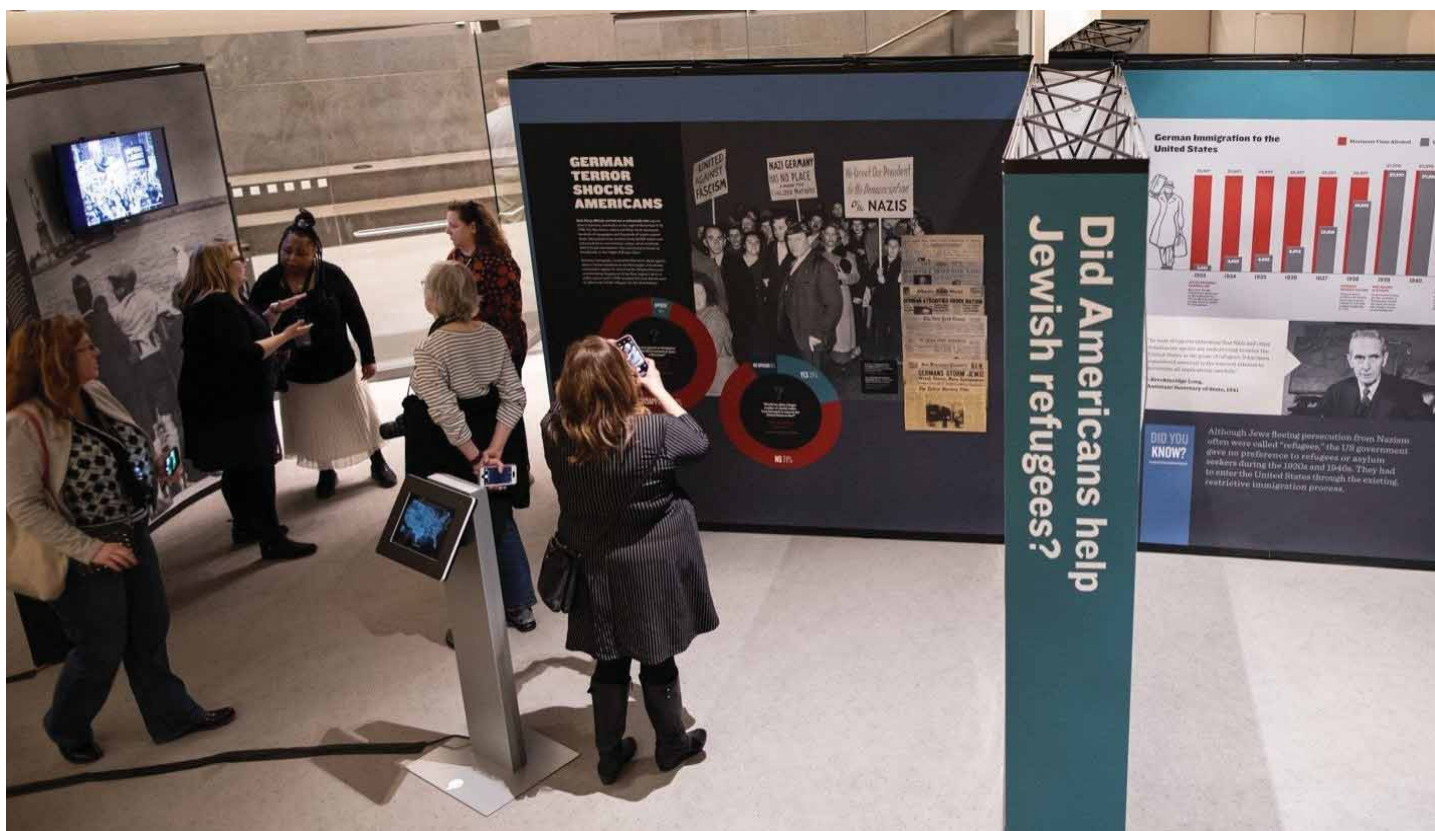
Ways to support Israel

Jay Rosen, a cousin of TAI congregant Maggie Levine-Schuele, has lived in Israel for 10 years. He shared on Facebook a list of groups that people abroad can support financially to help Israel. For the list, go to [Bit.ly/Israelsupport](https://bit.ly/Israelsupport).

Other organizations offering humanitarian aid and support:

- ARZA: Association of Reform Zionists of America, [Arza.org](https://arza.org)
- Jewish Federations of North America, [JFNA.org](https://jfna.org)
- New Israel Fund, [NIF.org](https://nif.org)
- T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, [Truah.org](https://truah.org)
- EMA Care, emacare.com; call for medical and nursing volunteers
- International Committee of the Red Cross, [ICRC.org](https://icrc.org)
- Save the Children, [Savethechildren.org](https://savethechildren.org)

decadeslong conflict rededicate themselves to the painstaking work of pursuing peace. May the Source of Peace grant us the patience, persistence, and perseverance to end this cycle of bloodshed and forge a better future for those who have suffered for so long.



U.S. Holocaust Museum and American Library Association

"Americans and the Holocaust" is on its final leg of a 50-library tour that will have taken it to 39 states over more than two years.

Holocaust exhibit includes related events; tours available

"Americans and the Holocaust," an 1,100-square-foot traveling exhibition that has been touring U.S. libraries since December 2021, will make its only stop in Kentucky with a 9-week visit to the Scott County Public Library in Georgetown from Nov. 9 through Jan. 4.

The exhibition is based on one that opened in April 2018 at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. According to the museum, it "addresses important themes in American history, including Americans' responses to refugees, war and genocide in the 1930s and '40s." It "will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded."

In conjunction with the exhibit, the library is offering a series of events that include book discussions geared to various age groups from schoolchildren to adults; films including "Schindler's List" and "6 Million Paperclips: The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial" with discussions afterward.

Related programming also will include a presentation by TAI congregant Ken Slepyan and a storytelling

program in partnership with Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass. Slepyan, a former TAI president, is a history professor at Transylvania University. During his talk at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, titled "Resisting the Nazis: The Jewish Resistance," Slepyan will share stories of the Jewish resistance to Hitler's plans in far eastern reaches of Europe, and within the Polish ghettos and concentration camps.

Also on Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m., is "Maggid: A Jewish Storytelling Initiative," presented with JFB. Members of the Jewish community will share family stories of their experiences during World War II. The program is suitable for older children, teens and adults.

The Scott County Public Library is at 104 South Bradford Lane, Georgetown. It is open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-7 p.m. Sunday; it will be closed for holiday observances Nov. 11, 23-24; Dec. 24-26, 31; and Jan. 1. For a schedule of events related to the exhibit, go to Scottpublib.org/holocaust. For a group tour, call (502) 863-3566 or go Scottpublib.org/holocaust/tour-request/.

Lecture series on Hebrew Bible continues

Here is the remaining schedule for "The Hebrew Bible From a Jewish Scholarly Perspective," the fall lecture series presented by the University of Kentucky Program in Jewish Studies. All lectures are on Wednesdays and on Zoom only:

■ **4 p.m. Oct. 25:** "The Book of Ruth and

the Question of Migration," Ilana Pardes of Hebrew University

■ **7 p.m. Nov. 15:** "Why the Literary Form of the Bible Matters," Robert Alter of University of California Berkeley

Zoom links are available at Jewishstudies.as.uky.edu/calendar.

Helping to ensure TAI upholds its values

The TAI Keilim Workgroup was organized in Spring 2022 after the Union for Reform Judaism released an ethics accountability report that outlined harms committed in URJ workplaces, camps and other programs over the past decades. Keilim, which means vessels, has been working over the past year to formulate policies for TAI. The group has been using resources provided by Sacred Spaces, an organization that guides Jewish organizations in the “development of policies and procedures for creating safer, more respectful, and more equitable environments for those who work at or access their organizations.”

The group is working to ensure TAI

In the High Holy Days liturgy, the language of confessional is in the first-person plural. We sinned, we lied, we stole, we gossiped, etc. Each and every individual has not committed all of these sins, but we confess our collective failure to stop transgressing. The question is not whether our congregation has failed on any given front referenced in the following prayer but rather how can we, as part of the Reform movement, acknowledge our collective responsibility to better protect the dignity and safety of everyone who enters our doors. The TAI Keilim Workgroup is working to ensure TAI upholds our Jewish values in all ways to be a community of collective care, healing and support.



upholds our Jewish values in all ways to be a community of collective care, healing and support – a place where people feel safe and free to share their experiences, are able to talk about difficult things, and come knowing they will find healing support.

At the recent Yom Kippur morning service, we shared a prayer from Rabbi Mary Zamore, executive director of Women of Reform Judaism. We share it again here, with the introduction Rabbi Wirtschafter provided.

We also extend two invitations to the congregation: First, we invite anyone interested in this work to meet with the Keilim Workgroup and talk about opportunities to contribute as you would like. Second, we extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in participating in a healing service (to be held this fall) to reach out and help us plan this service. Please contact Miriam Silman at msilman@foothills.net or (606) 454-4715, or other members of Keilim Workgroup: Jane Gris , Lisa Miller, Colby Cohen-Archer and Aaron Ann Cole-Funfsinn.

Here is what was shared on Yom Kippur morning:

A #MeToo/#GamAni Confession

Rabbi Mary Zamore

על חטא שחטאנו...

Al cheit shechatanu

For the sin we have committed before You...

- by not believing the victims
- by being silent while women were bullied, harassed or undermined
- by claiming to be ready to listen when we were not
- by claiming equality exists for all
- by not supporting victims
- by not providing sexual harassment prevention training
- by accepting the sexist comments made every day
- by blaming the victims
- by claiming our workplaces, synagogues, and organizations were safe
- by contributing to an environment that allowed harassment
- by explaining away harassment
- by believing the victims but not acting to make change
- by worrying about our community's reputation instead of the victims' needs



- by not reflecting on the past and present behavior within our community
- by denying that gender harassment has many faces
- by allowing victims to suffer retribution
- by not noticing when women simply walked away from our community or institution
- by making the reporting of harassment difficult and hard to engage
- by promising change and not fulfilling this promise

על חטא שחטאנו...

Al cheit shechatanu

For the sin we have committed before You, we ask forgiveness.



SAVE THE DATE



November 5, 2023 - Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Shmoozing, brunch, and programming 9:30am - noon

2023 Theme:



Join us as we participate alongside hundreds of Jewish communities on six continents who will gather to learn about "The Values We Hold Dear," through traditional learning, contemporary conversations, and art.



**The Jewish Federation
OF THE BLUEGRASS**



RSVP: [Bit.ly/LexGlobal23](https://bit.ly/LexGlobal23)

News From



Adventures in Aging: Hiking at Raven Run

10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. This new program from Jewish Family Services focusing on outdoor active events and socializing; for ages 55 and older. RSVP to Joy Fisher, joy@jewishlexingtong.org.

Hanukkah Market

2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Rock House Brewing Co., 119 Luigart Court. A holiday shopping experience. More details to come.

Assistance requests

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, utilities, grocery shopping or other situations, contact Paula Mertens, Jewish Family Services director, at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Study groups meet in person with a Zoom option.

Oct. 13

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Oct. 14

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Bereshit — Genesis 1:1-6:8

Oct. 20

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Oct. 21

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Noach — Genesis 6:9-11:32

Oct. 27

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Oct. 28

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Lekh Lekha — Genesis 12:1-17:27

Nov. 3

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Nov. 4

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayera — Genesis 18:1-22:24

Nov. 10

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Nov. 11

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Chayei Sarah — Genesis 23:1-25:18

Nov. 17

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Nov. 18

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Toledot — Genesis 25:19-28:9

Nov. 24

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Nov. 25

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayetze — Genesis 28:10-32:3

Dec. 1

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 2

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayishlach — Genesis 32:4-36:43

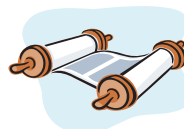
KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

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, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 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

New members

Melissa Cadel and Nicklas Lindeman
3821 Bingham Dr., 40514
Melissa: cadelm17@gmail.com,
(607) 346-2147
Nicklas: nlindeman05@gmail.com,
(734) 748-5049

Address change

Minna Katz-Brown
2700 Man o' War Blvd., Apt. 118, 40515

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...*



Oct. 20

Helen Auer
Joseph Auer
Elizabeth Barrett
Fay Darlow
Natalie Efron
Justin Elam
Hannah Goldberg
Jacob Goldberg
Betty Goldman
Max Goldstein
Louis Gordon
Dr. James Greene
Harry Grobstein
Freda Hirsh
Robert Joffe
Fannie Kahn
Martin Kaplan
Ruth Kerber
Max Kovinow
Dena Leep
Cindy Martin
Paul Morton
Melcher
Jacob Mellman
Kenneth Meyer
I. Jay Miller Sr.
Marilyn
Moosnick
David Hart Paritz
I. Allen Paritz
Sol Pearlman
Mary Petrone
Robert Reed
Rudolph Rein
Concepcion
Pastrana Reyes
Warren Rosenthal
Isadore Shain
Emily Shraberg

Oct. 27

Victor Bloomfield

Josephine Miller
Bramlage
Morris A. Brazin
Mary Cravens
Joseph Diamond
Moe Edelstein
Michelle
Flomenhoft
Zelda Gall
Myer Gorman
Moses Hanf
Rachel Hanf
Howard House
Nathan Krekun
Alana Leffler
Joel Lieber
Rebekah Lieber
Rena Spectre
Marcus
Elizabeth A. Miller
Raymond Miller
Monroe Moosnick
Mary Rosenberg
Leona Stern
Bertha Miller
Waisblum
Lauren Weinberg
Sara Louise
Wirtschafter
Joey Zuckerman

Nov. 3

Hillard Aberson
Frank Alexander
David Biederman
Harold Brenner
Minnie Seltzer
Cherin
Goldie Engelberg
Aaron Fleischman
Dorise Hovevar
Marvin Katz
Max Kornreich

Donald Meyer
Catherine Taft
Miller
Leopoldine
Neufeld
Budi Cohen Paluch
Carol Rosenberg
Lucille Weil
Rosenthal
Bernard
Schottenstein
Elsie Walker
Grubbs Winters

Nov. 10

Rex Dudley Brown
Clara Davis Coyle
Phillip Doctrow
Mary Efron
Arthur Freed
Milton K.
Hirschfeld
Clara Kaplan
Mildred Kerber
Ruth Kestenbaum
Mindy Kovinow
Joseph Z. Kreger
Stella Wolf
Lederer
Leon Leskowitz
Joy McDonald
Tomas Milch H.
Fannie H. Miller
Jesse I. Miller
Mildred Paul
Janet Roberts
Freda Moses
Roos
Edwin R.
Rosenberg
Harriet L.
Rosenstein
Irma S. Rosenstein

Jeannette B.
Rosenstein
Elissa Ann Sandler
Sarah Snyder
Bessie Weil
Lucille Rosenberg
Weitzel

Nov. 17

Rabbi Sidney
Ballon
Birdie Mae Banks
Ben Belrose
Victoria Bloom
Celia Goldsmith
Yetta Hagedorn
Dr. Maurice
Kaufmann
Jacob Lavenstein
Evelyn Levy
Selma Lowenthal
Liebman
Eileen Josten Lowe
Rabbi Jacob
Rader Marcus
James Mizell
Bernard
Newberger
Herbert Pollan
William Simon
Roorda
Rochelle Schermer
Irving Schiffer
Samuel Schuman
Judy Smith
Ruth Sogin
Drew Taulbee
Bessie Waldman
Alice Cornelia Weil
Martin
Weinberger
Mollie Weiss
William Wenneker

Dolph Wile

Nov. 24

Gertrude Abraham
Isadore J.
Abraham
Beatrice Costanzo
Caroline Crawford
Samuel A. Elem
Martin David
Flomen
Doris Graf
Sarah Esther
Grobstein
Sol Helfand
Salma B. Hoover
Lisa Hufana
Marilyn Isaacs
Max L. Kaufman
Joseph Kessler
Monty Kirkwood
Rose Kuperstein
Leo Lederer
Sarah W. Levy
Lee Loventhal
William E.
Lowenthal
Katherine
Machesney
Irene Magid
Allan Magilow
Leo J. Marks
Theresa Newhoff
Rose Nigoff
Daniel Plavin
Morris B. Reinstein
Wolfe William
Rosenstein
Ann Sandler
Sarah Shraberg

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On the 45th yahrzeit of Harvey Milk

Editor's Note: The following text was written by congregant Dianne Bazell and read during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to public office in California and among the first openly gay or lesbian politicians elected in the nation.

Milk was born in 1930 in suburban New York to upper middle-class Jewish parents, and his family history reflects a familiar trope of American Jewish narrative. His paternal grandfather made his way from a Lithuanian *shtetl* to Woodmere, N.Y., where he grew a dry goods peddling enterprise into a department store. He founded a synagogue and started a country club that Jews could enjoy in the prevailing environment of polite society restriction and nearby Ku Klux Klan and German-American Bund activity.

Grandson Harvey came to reject religious observance but was unwaveringly proud of his Jewish identity, inspired by his mother's commitment to *tikkun olam*. In contrast, while he recognized from an early age that he was gay, Milk hid his sexual identity from family, many friends and work life for much of his life.

After college graduation and a tour in the U.S. Navy, Harvey's search for a path in life included stints as a high school math teacher, an actuarial statistician, a securities research analyst, and assisting a Broadway theatrical producer. He crisscrossed the country, eventually landing in San Francisco, where he set up a camera

store in the Castro district (and displayed his framed *bar mitzvah* photo out front). Politically, he had evolved from Goldwater campaigner to antiwar protester before becoming a gay-rights activist.

All his complexity seemed to synthesize in that last role. He offered lofty appeals for human rights while also addressing practical neighborhood exigencies — rent control, public transportation, schools, police protection — and forged coalitions among those traditionally excluded from City Hall: labor, ethnic minorities, feminists, the disabled, senior citizens, and gays and lesbians.

After three unsuccessful bids for public office, Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977 (with another Jewish activist, Freedom Rider Carol Ruth Silver). Among his first signature achievements were a citywide ban outlawing housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and a "pooper-scooper" ordinance. Throughout the year, he successfully rallied opposition to a statewide ballot initiative calling for the firing of gay and lesbian public-school educators and their defenders. Central to his resistance to injustice and oppression was his identity as a Jew. While he



In this April 1977 Associated Press file photo, San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, left, laughed with Mayor George Moscone during the signing of the city's gay rights bill.

would quip, "Jews know we can't allow discrimination, if for no other reason than we know we might be on that list someday," his speeches against the ballot initiative directly referenced the "silence in Germany because no one got up early enough to say what Hitler really was."

Days after his election, Milk dictated a "political will" to be listened to "only in the event of my assassination" in which he exhorted, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."

On Nov. 27, 1978, Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by a former city supervisor.

Editor's note: U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who died Sept. 29, was president of the Board of Supervisors when Milk and Moscone were killed. She became acting mayor, then mayor, of San Francisco.

YAHREZEITS

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Dec. 1

Harry Abraham

Ruth Barrett

Hilda Abraham Baum

Sylvia Wurmser Blanc

Franklyn Donald

Cerel

Mae Chertkoff

Faith Miller Cole

Michael Mayer Elkouby

Sam Engel

David Forman

L. K. Frankel

Hilda Franks

Samuel A. Kaplan

Sarah Levine

Irvin G Levy

Alicia Rose Lom

Helen Sopkin Lowenthal

Sarah Jacobs Lowenthal

Ben H. Miller

Harry Paskowitz

Mordecai Podet

Judge Samuel M.

Rosenstein

Vera Schiffer

Lillian Shain

Irene Spickard

Dorothy Teicher

Norman A. Wides

A. Barnett Winters

Rose Rita Wurmser

Nat Yesowitch

TAI'S ENDOWMENT AT WORK

The cumulative value of TAI's endowment, which supplements the temple's financial needs, grew by 5.3% through the third quarter of 2023. Based on information compiled by Endowment Committee Treasurer Stacey Myers-Wilson, disbursements have been made as follows to meet temple needs through Sept. 30:

- \$30,500 from Enrichment Fund; offset operating expenses.
- \$8.4K from Preschool Reserve Fund (comprised of budget surpluses over the years from the now-defunct preschool); remaining cost of paving former outdoor playground space.
- \$7K from Hineni Fund; offset operating expenses.
- \$6.9K from Skuller-Cohen-Cerel Endowment Fund; cost of Religious School curriculum and security services.
- \$6.7K from Rosenstein Family Fund; offset Religious School operating expenses.
- \$6.1K from Dr. Sherman E. and Fannie H Miller Memorial Fund; youth activities and scholarships.
- \$5.4K from Rosenthal Rabbinic Chair Fund; offsets part of rabbi's compensation.

- \$5K from Jayne Bolotin Memorial Fund; cover TAI's insurance deductible from storm damage in August 2022.
- \$5K from Music and Worship Fund; offsets part of compensation for musician in residence.
- \$4.4K from Centennial Fund; operating expenses.
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