



Temple Adath Israel Bulletin

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Positively Purim:

The Megillah according to Bob Dylan

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David Wirtschafter Join us March 14 for a special Purim celebration at Friday evening services. An abbreviated Shabbat service will be followed by a creative reimagining of the Megillah, chock full of Bob Dylan parodies inspired by the Book of Esther.

"It Ain't Me, King," "For the Queens, They are a Changin' "and "Tangled Up in Jews" are sure to raise a smile.

If you have seen the movies "A Complete Unknown" and/or "I'm Not Here" or simply are a Dylan fan, you will have a terrific time at this song-filled retelling of the Purim story. Please check your emails for more information, then email Lauren Hill at lhill4646@gmail.com by March 3 to sign up for a song or a reading. Even if you think you "can't carry a tune in a bucket," just let it go. The more participants we have, the merrier we will be. This year's celebration will not involve reading "the whole megillah" but rather takes a

Schedule of Purim events

Friday, March 14

6 p.m.: Drinks and snacks7 p.m.: Shabbat service

7:30 p.m.: Community Purim Spiel with Dylan theme; if you are interested in participating, contact Lauren Hill at lhill4646@gmail.com by

Monday, March 3.

Sunday, March 16

11:15 a.m.: Religious School assembly with rhyming mini-Megillah reading, costume parade

Noon: Purim Carnival

more expeditious and entertaining approach. We promise to have you home at a reasonable hour.

Our lineup of events begins with drinks and snacks at 6 p.m.. A quick Shabbat service will start at 7 as usual; we will start our Dylan-themed megillah reading about 7:30.

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'Temple Adath Israel presents

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. Mark Schachman

learning and shared experiences. Whether you're a lifelong member or new to our community, actively participating in TAI events offers a wealth of benefits, enriching your Jewish identity

and fostering

connections. Beyond

meaningful

Temple Adath Israel

place of worship; it's a

is more than just a

vibrant hub of our

community offering

the High Holy Days, TAI offers a diverse range of activities catering to various interests and age groups.

TAI events also provide ample opportunities for Jewish learning and spiritual growth. As I write this newsletter, our confirmation class is visiting Memphis, exploring the history of civil rights, while our Shabbat service is dedicated to honoring the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. Additional learning experiences are available at Kollel/Jewish Texts and Torah Study each Shabbat morning. On Sunday mornings, Religious School offers Jewish learning and spiritual growth to our children, and Mah Jongg Mornings combines learning and fun for adults.

Volunteering for a TAI event, whether it's helping to organize a holiday celebration or participating in a community service project, can be a meaningful way to connect with your Jewish identity and contribute to the well-being of the community. Our Social Action

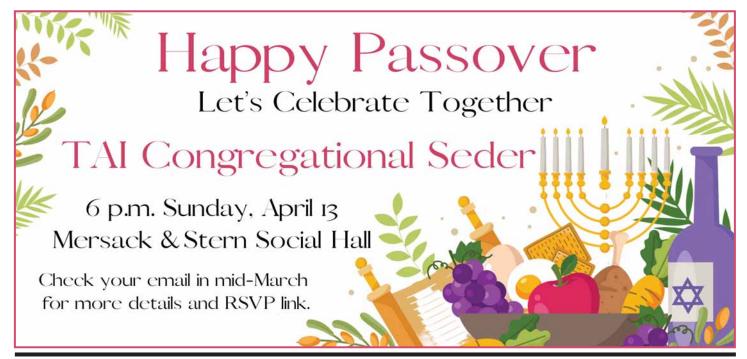
Committee is always looking for volunteers to help carry out its impactful projects.

Beyond formal learning, TAI offers opportunities to wear a hairnet and gloves as part the crew for our TAI on Rye pop-deli or to gather for Thursday morning bagels and partake in conversations about Jewish values and current events. Our very successful First Saturdays Film Series will expose you to Jewish contributions in cinema plus good pizza and great discussion. Consider taking part in our upcoming Purim spiel (see details in the rabbi's column on Page 1). We're also partnering with Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass on monthly yoga sessions and pick-up basketball.

March brings with it the promise of spring and a flurry of exciting events. With the days getting longer and the weather (hopefully) warmer comes the excitement of celebrating the joyous festival of Purim by reading the megillah, exchanging gifts of food (Mishloach Manot), giving charity to the poor and enjoying a festive meal (we are back to food again). It's a time to let loose, have fun and celebrate the incredible story of Esther and Mordechai. As we move through March, we'll also be sharing more information about upcoming events and activities. Keep an eye on our weekly emails for updates.

The benefits of participating in temple events extend beyond personal enrichment. A strong and active Jewish community is essential for the continuity of Jewish life. By participating in events and supporting TAI programs, you are contributing to the vibrancy and sustainability of the community and future generations. Quoting the renowned 20th-century poet Robert Zimmerman, "Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet."

Let's actively embrace experiences rather than being affected by them.





FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Elissa Weinstein, Director

Shalom! Religious School had a wonderful February. Our students explored the holiday of Tu BiShvat through the different fruits of the season. Each class enjoyed a tasting event that included dates, figs, carob, pomegranates and apples.

Our 10th-grade class had such a wonderful and educational time on its Rose Confirmation Trip to Memphis. They explored the city, visited Temple Israel for Shabbat services, held their own parshah study session and visited a small congregation in Brownsville, Tenn., with ties to Rabbi Wirtschafter. We're so grateful to our families and congregation, particularly the Rose Family

Fund, which underwrote a large portion of the cost of the confirmation trip, for supporting these memorable experiences for our children. Earlier in February, our second-/third-/fourth-grade class enjoyed a pasta lunch and tapped into their creative side to paint pots and plant parsley. I know that they're looking forward to harvesting their parsley in time for Passover next month.

This month, our fifth-grade and sixth-/seventh-grade classes will take part in family sessions, learning alongside their parents. We love when parents can join us on Sunday mornings to see the educational and fun things that take place at Religious School. On March 16, when we'll celebrate Purim, we'll have an 11:45 a.m. assembly with a rhyming mini-Megillah reading and costume parade, followed by a Purim Carnival in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall, presented by LEXTY, our high school youth group.

While we're not outside in the garden yet, our students have been starting seeds for planting and are looking forward to more classroom fun as the school year begins to wind down.





- Melinda and Woody Schuman, retirees who live in Richmond.
- Thomas Zentall of Lexington. He is a retired professor of psychology.

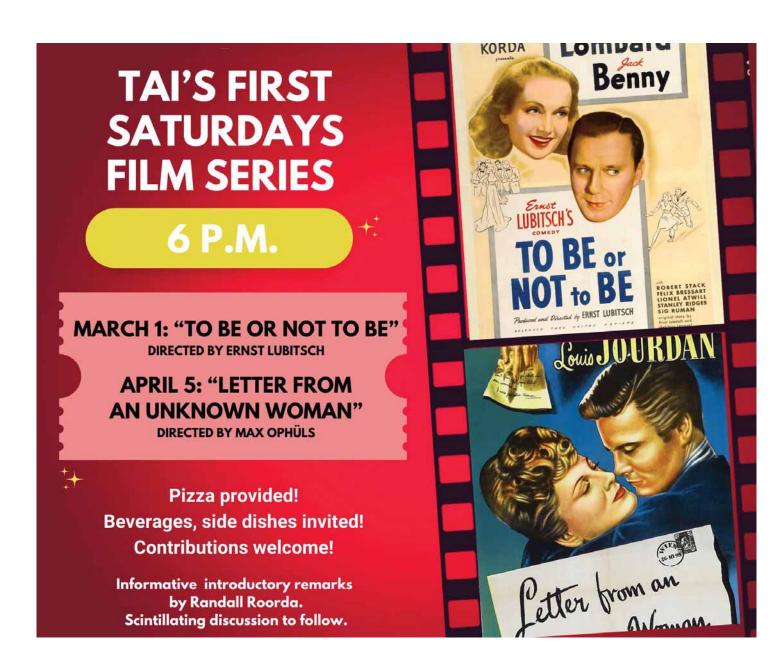


Scenes from Diane Arnson Svarlien's new collection of translations of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" and "The Frogs" will be presented at three shows in March.

The first is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning. The others are at 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Kenwick Table, and 8 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Kentucky Native Café.

All the performances, featuring Lexington actors Shayne Brakefield, Missy Johnston and Adam Luckey, are free.

Note: Some material is R-rated.



RABBI

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(Please note: If you are observing a yahrzeit on March 14 and would prefer to have your loved one's name read on a different evening, we will accommodate that request.) Our Purim carnival takes place two days later, on Sunday, March 16. A Religious School assembly with a Seuss-like rhyming minimegillah reading and costume parade will start at 11:15 a.m; the carnival will be begin about noon.

At a time of worry and upheaval, Purim is a powerful reminder of the power of speaking up, being true to who we are, and maintaining a sense of humor. May the jubilation of Purim lift our spirits and strengthen our resolve.

Mi She Nichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha — Those who enter into Adar (the month of Purim) shall know great joy.

Changing it up for Hadassah Shabbat

Hadassah Shabbat is flipping the script this year.

The Lexington chapter's Friday night service will be at 5:30 P.M. March 21 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Saturday services on March 22 will be at 10:30 a.m. at

Temple Adath Israel, followed by a Kiddush luncheon in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall. As a result, TAI will not have its regular service on Friday evening, and OZS will not have its usual service on Saturday morning.

Community members are invited to one or both of the services and the luncheon.



HADASSAH





Move. Learn. Connect

Recreational opportunities sponsored by JFB, Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 9: Mah Jongg Mornings at TAI
- 7 p.m. Monday, March 10 and 24: Pickup basketball at Squires Elementary School. \$15 suggested donation; pay what you can.
- Sunday, March 23: Yoga at OZS. Chair yoga at 10 a.m., floor yoga at 11. Free; no experience needed. For more information, contact Joseph Eskin at

joseph@jewishlexington.org.

Planning for Lexington Jewish LGBTQ+ group

1 p.m. Sunday, March 9 at JFB offices at TAI. Brainstorming session and social. Open to adults in the Jewish community who identify somewhere in the LGBTQ+ spectrum. Partners, spouses and significant others welcome. RSVP required at Bit.ly/417W9pc.

Jewish Aging Support Group

11 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, at JFB offices at TAI. Jewish Family Services, in partnership with TAI and OZS, is launching a senior support group, a safe place where those 60 and older can share experiences, concerns and needs related to aging. Led by Paula Mertens, director of JFS. Meets 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Paula confidentially at (859)269-8244 or email her at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Maggid: Jewish Storytelling

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at Void Sake, 819 National Ave. This month's stories will center on food. Free; drinks available for purchase. For more information, contact Joy at joy@jewishlexington.org.

Jewish Day of Learning

Sunday, March 30. Details to come. For more information, contact Joy at joy@jewishlexington.org.

Assistance requests

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



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Feb. 28

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Music: Lauren Hill and Jerry Suhl

March 1

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

T'rumah: Exodus 25:1-27:19

March 7

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Music: Aviva and Lew Bowling

March 8

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

T'tzaveh: Exodus 27:20-30:10

March 14

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat service and Community Purim

Spiel 7 p.m.

March 15

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Ki Tisa: Exodus 30:11-34:35

March 21

Haddash service at OZS;

no service at TAI

March 22

Haddash Shabbat at TAI 10:30 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon after service

No study sessions

March 28

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Music: Lauren Hill and Jerry Suhl

March 29

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

P'kudei: Exodus 38:21-40:38

April 4

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Music: Aviva and Lew Bowling

April 5

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 We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic 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

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

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. (note date change)

Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 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 mitzyah service.

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 ...

Norman Bernard



Jacob Abraham

Feb. 28

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March 7

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March 14

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March 21

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March 28

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April 4

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In Memoriam ...

David Doctrow, husband of Jan Doctrow, father of Mindy Heller, Jeff Doctrow (Robbie), Matt Doctrow (Amy), Pam Gould and Rob Doctrow (Lisa), grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 5

Cynthia Goodman, mother of Emily Goodman (Taylor Bright), grandmother of Penelope and **Eleanor Bright**

Chas Hite

Christopher Katz, nephew of Becky Katz

Pat Lawrence, mother of Adrianne Nelson (Bill), grandmother of Tyler Heaslet (Richelle) and Martine Nelson

May their memories be for a blessing

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Howard Weiss

Betsy Wides

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS: YOUR VOTE MATTERS!



MARCH 10-MAY 4

The World Zionist Congress represents Jewish communities around the world. It controls an annual budget of more than \$1 billion, and sets policies that affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel and millions of Israelis. The "Reform Slate" is deeply committed to a strong and secure Israel, and strengthening the Israel-Diaspora relationship, working in close partnership with the Israeli Reform Movement. More votes for the Reform slate means more delegates to the Congress, and more power, resources and funding for Reform voices.

Voters must be Jewish and 18 years old by June 30. The fee to register to vote is \$5, which helps cover costs of running the election.

Learn more at Vote4reform.org.

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