Temple Family Connections invites you to our

TU B’SHEVAT CELEBRATION

Friday, February 7 at 5:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate this holiday that reminds us of our connection to the Earth and our role as caretakers of the environment. Enjoy a family-friendly Shabbat service at 5:30 PM followed by crafts, appetizers and a yummy pasta dinner.

Dinner Cost: $5 per person

Reservations and payment can be made online at bit.ly/tubshevatdinner or email Reservations@ttti.org.

In celebration of Tu B’Shevat, please support JNF by planting a tree(s) in The Temple Garden in Israel. Trees can be purchased online at bit.ly/tttijnf or pick up an order form in The Learning Center office.

CELEBRATE

ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL
AND ROCK MY MEGILLAH

Sunday, March 8

Sunday Learning: 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Rock My Megillah: 10:30 AM
Purim Carnival: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

GAMES FOR KIDS AGES 9+
Parents must accompany their children throughout the carnival!

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
To volunteer, email tttifamilies@gmail.com

ATTENTION - BAKERS AND DESSERT LOVERS
We need your donations to make the Hamentashen Walk a success. Two free prize tickets will be given for every donation. Please divide your donations into prize-size packages and bring on Sunday morning, March 8. Drop-off will be before 10:00 AM in the Hartzmark Library. Please label if there are nuts or milk.

DO A PURIM MITZVAH! HELP STOCK JFSA’S FOOD PANTRY
Please bring non-perishable food items to The Temple for the Purim Carnival.

WE ARE A WARM, WELCOMING SYNAGOGUE FAMILY WHERE EACH PERSON MATTERS.
SHABBAT SERVICES & TORAH STUDY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Torah Study - 9:15 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Beshalach; Exodus 13:17-17:16
If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, please join us on this Shabbat to be called to the bimah for a special blessing!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Torah Study - 9:15 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Yitro; Exodus 18:1-20:23

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Torah Study - 9:15 AM
Shabbat Service - 4:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Pre-Oneg - 5:15 PM
Sponsored by Temple Women’s Assoc.
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Mishpatim; Exodus 21:1-24:18
Inclusion TGIS - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Torah Study - 9:15 AM
Havdalah & Conversation - 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Terumah; Exodus 25:1-27:19
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
Torah Study - 9:15 AM
Shabbat Service - 4:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Klein
Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 9:15 AM
Bagels and coffee are served.

Adult Learning with Rabbi Cohen
Saturdays, February 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 3:20 to 5:00 PM
Judaism, Reform, and Modern America: A Study of History, Jewish Text, Practice, and the Reform Movement

HAVDALAH AND CONVERSATION

Saturday, February 22 at 5:30 PM
Ask The Rabbi

Led by Rabbi Cohen, this evening geared to adults and open to all, will feature learning and discussion, hors d’oeuvres, and music with Rob Ross and Maggie Wise. Enjoy this opportunity to socialize with other congregants for a beautiful communal experience.
RSVPs appreciated by calling The Temple at 216.831.3233 or email Reservations@ttti.org.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Alexa Rose Soranno

Saturday, February 15 at 4:30 PM
Alexa is the daughter of Amy and Christopher Soranno. She is a student at Solon Middle School. For her Mitzvah Project, Alexa is volunteering with Big Hearted Blooms by repurposing flower arrangements and delivering joy to individuals in all types of care facilities.

Andrew Dery

Saturday, February 29 at 4:30 PM
Andrew is the son of Leah and Todd Dery. He attends Brady Middle School. For his Mitzvah Project, Andrew has volunteered at Transplant House, hosting and serving dinner, for families waiting for transplants or treatment.

AN ALIYAH - An Aliyah (Torah blessing) can be done to honor a special moment in your life or simply for the delight of being involved in Shabbat services. To get more involved in the Torah service, please email Linda Hirsch at lhirsch@ttti.org or call 216.455.1694.
FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

THE THERAPEUTIC NARRATIVE

The tale of Joseph and his brothers, the culminating story of the Book of Genesis, is one of the great sagas of world literature in addition to being a major contribution to the Bible’s unfolding religious worldview. This familiar story opens with a conflict between Joseph and his brothers. Jacob, their father, favors Joseph and gives him a special coat of many colors. This enrages the brothers. Joseph then makes matters worse by bragging about his dreams in which his brothers and parents come to bow down to him. Outrage and sibling rivalry intensify.

Unaccountably, Jacob then sends a now-vulnerable Joseph to spy on the very brothers he has offended. When they see him approach, they conspire to have their revenge, throwing him into a pit and then selling him to traders on their way to Egypt. Joseph, now finding himself alone in a foreign land, nevertheless, through his own considerable abilities and with the indirect help of G-d, is able to overcome serious threats and obstacles and rise to a position in Egypt second in authority and power only to the Pharaoh himself.

Through a complex set of circumstances, Joseph and his brothers come face to face with one another many years later. In a literal sense, his dreams of power come true as the brothers, seeking food in a time of famine, come to Egypt and bow down to Joseph who now controls the distribution of grain. Perhaps because Joseph has embraced Egyptian customs of dress and personal appearance, the brothers do not recognize him though he recognizes them. So, Joseph now seizes the opportunity this situation provides to test the brothers, to see whether they are remorseful about their treatment of him and whether they have the capacity to change. He puts them through their paces and manages, with consummate cleverness, to reenact the original “crime” scene. Namely, he gives them the opportunity to sacrifice another favored son, their brother Benjamin, so that they can escape culpability and continue to live their own lives.

But the brothers rise to the occasion and the challenge. They assert, through the eloquence of their brother Judah, that no, they will not sacrifice Benjamin, that they refuse to do so because of the empathy they feel for their father who, though he still plays favorites, will suffer mightily by the loss of another favored son. They accept their father for who he is, though they recognize that the task of solving the sibling rivalry problem falls upon all of them.

At this crucial moment, Joseph is so overwhelmed that he breaks down and weeps. And the Torah continues: “His sobs were so loud that the Egyptians could hear, and so the news reached Pharaoh’s palace.” And then, when he half-reCOVERs, he says something remarkable to his brothers: “I am your brother Joseph, he whom you sold into Egypt. Now, do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me hither; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you.” The real meaning of their bowing down, then, is not primarily about Joseph; it is about his ability to help them and the rest of his family. Bowing to Joseph is not an end in itself (the literal and expected meaning); it is the vehicle through which a larger and more comprehensive good can be accomplished.

Now, it is easy to believe that Joseph meant what he just told them literally because he constantly invokes G-d’s name throughout the narrative. But something else is at work in his reply to his brothers. And that something is what the biblical and literary scholar Aviva Zornberg calls Joseph’s “therapeutic narrative.” Here is how Zornberg describes it:

Joseph finds himself in relation to his brothers … It is an honest, but discriminating account of what they did and did not do to him, of the limits of their responsibility for his disappearance: “You sold me hither” (45:5) but “it was not you who sent me here” (45:8). The nexus between their realities is God, who has choreographed their relationships, their absences and losses, in order to “save life.” He is the One who ‘sent’ Joseph to Egypt. The word is used three times, to express God’s purposeful perception. From the human perspective, Joseph was einenu [gone], he had ceased to be in the line of sight. From God’s perspective, he had been just where he was meant to be, swallowed up, giving and saving life.

This is Joseph’s therapeutic narrative, full of expressions of relationship, unblinking of the basic facts of the distance between ‘you’ and ‘me,’ but allowing God to take up the slack of that distance. Out of the brokenness has come a rethinking of the past, a redeeming of the past, a hope for wholeness in the house of Jacob. (Zornberg, The Beginning of Desire, page 310f.).

What Zornberg is suggesting can apply to us, too. It is that we, too, can redeem the past, through our own acts of creating “therapeutic narratives,” stories that can expand our understanding of the episodes of the actions that caused our grievances. These narratives, which at the beginning we tell to ourselves, can free us from the anger and resentment that poison us. And they can begin to heal broken relationships. These therapeutic narratives need not ignore what has happened to us just as Joseph has not ignored what has happened to him; he has merely enlarged the context of the story to include the possibility of forgiveness, of healing broken relationships, of redeeming them before it is too late to do so.

L’Shalom, Rabbi Roger C. Klein
MAZEL TOV TO OWEN BAUER
RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 AMANDA RACHEL WIEN AWARD

As Director of Learning, one of my greatest joys is getting to truly know the children and teens of our congregation. We have so many bright, talented, insightful, and kind people in our Temple family.

During the year, we give two Social Action Awards. This year when we put out the request for recommendations, we were flooded with applications, all of which were deeply impressive. We are grateful to all of our teens for their generous contributions to the larger community and our congregation.

The first award, The Amanda Rachel Wien Advocacy Award, is an annual award presented annually to a deserving student who demonstrates the exemplary humanitarian qualities embraced by Amanda in her lifetime. These qualities include love of people, empathy, kindness, compassion, volunteerism, active outreach and advocacy on behalf of individuals in need. The award comes with a $500 stipend to be used towards a learning or formal enrichment experience related to Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah, specifically incorporating compassion and advocacy on behalf of individuals in need.

This year’s winner, Owen Bauer, a 10th grade student at University School, truly enjoys service and looks for opportunities to help in his day-to-day life. Owen is kind, generous and continually seeks ways to help others whether through small acts of kindness or volunteer work in all areas of his life.

Owen is a madrich (student aide) with our Flash Mob, which helps teach students Hebrew in fun and engaging ways. He also serves on our Temple Teen Leadership Committee leading High Holy Day Services and other tefillah experiences throughout the year.

For the past 10 years, Owen has helped raise over $3500 for lung cancer research in memory of his grandmother by running a weekly lemonade/hot cocoa stand, donating a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts, and participating in events to support LUNGevity, the largest private lung cancer research funder in America. He also presents to 4th graders here at The Temple about this project.

At University School, Owen participates in The Aurelian Society, which identifies, promotes, and coordinates various community support programs in the Greater Cleveland area. This year he raised money and delivered food for the Greater Cleveland Foodbank. In addition, Owen and a classmate founded US Inc., which provides support to incoming freshman who are new to University School by helping them to acclimate and navigate their new school community.

Owen spent last spring break volunteering at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah. He also volunteers with the STARS program at Playhouse Square. He has attended a 3-week volunteerism camp through Shaker Heights Recreation, and this past summer, he was a Junior counselor at Playmakers summer camp.

As his mother explains, “When Owen is asked to help out, he doesn’t hesitate to do what he can. All of this comes from his pure enjoyment in helping others and making people feel good.”

Mazal tov to his parents, Harriet and Fred Bauer.

– Rabbi Stacy Schlein, Director of Learning

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR Annual Retreat
Saturday, April 18; 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Details to follow in the March Temple Times.

SAVE THE DATE: CHAI LIFERS’ TRIP TO WOOSTER
Wednesday, June 17
WATCH FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE TEMPLE TIMES!
For information, contact Ruth Berger at 216.561.0799.
The Temple Museum of Jewish Art, Religion and Culture
Requests the Honor of Your Presence for the Exhibition Opening

My Beloved is Mine
Jewish Wedding Rituals, Stories & Sacred Objects

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

1:00 to 2:00 PM - The History and Evolution of Jewish Weddings
A talk by Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

2:00 to 4:00 PM - Traditional Jewish wedding music
with Steve Greenman and Mark Freiman

2:30 PM - Dance the Hora with Temple teens
followed by wedding cake, sweets, and champagne!

In the Hartzmark Center, the exhibit features rare historic ketubot from Persia, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Italy, plus a contemporary ketubot from the United States, and includes the volumes Tradition Transition Transformation: Thirty Ketubot by David Moss. Textiles created by Temple members will adorn our Temple chuppah, alongside an elegant chuppah embroidered with the Seven Blessings by Israeli artist Adina Gatt. Also on display are historic wedding dresses, a wedding ring, and a special Kiddush cup for a marriage ceremony. Most of the objects are drawn from The Temple Museum and haven’t been on view for some time. Don’t miss a special exhibit in the Chapel Corridor, Ketubot From Temple Congregants, which displays vibrant ketubot showing the rich tradition and evolution of ketubah design. We thank our congregants for sharing their ketubot, wedding pictures, and memories of their special day.

ART TALKS

Monday, February 10 at 2:00 PM
Join artist and Temple congregant Sally Ross as she discusses the beautiful painted silk chuppah she created for her daughter’s wedding. Enjoy looking at the exhibit My Beloved is Mine: Jewish Wedding Rituals, Stories and Sacred Objects.

Monday, February 24 at 2:00 PM
Join us as our Temple congregants tell their wedding stories while we look at their Ketubot in the exhibit Ketubot From Temple Congregants. Please bring your Ketubah to share as well!
DON’T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF AT THE BROTHERHOOD SCHVITZ NIGHT!

Wednesday, February 5 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM
“The Schvitz”
E. 116th Street & Luke Avenue

Cost - $100 for Temple Members / $120 for Guests
Cost includes steam, dinner, beverages & tip
Massages available in 1/2 hr. increments at $30.00 per massage
(by request in advance if 5-man minimum is met)

Make your reservation and payment online at bit.ly/ttischvitznight
You may also RSVP by calling The Temple at 216.831.3233 or emailing our reservation line at reservations@tti.org. Payment can be made that evening by cash only.

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WEEKEND IN CELEBRATION OF RABBI ROGER C. KLEIN’S & CANTOR KATHRYN WOLFE SEBO’S 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP AT THE TEMPLE

Mark your calendars for a memorable weekend as our Temple family and community celebrate Rabbi Klein’s and Cantor Sebo’s milestone Temple anniversaries. We’ll share in worship and learning opportunities, concluding the celebration with a special concert by Cantor Sebo.

Friday, June 26 at 6:00 PM - Shira Chadasha Kabbalat Shabbat & Conversation
We extend a special invitation to all members of our congregational community, including families and children, to join us for a Shira Chadasha Musical Kabbalat service followed by an Oneg with heavy hors d’oeuvres and wine. The celebration continues with conversation featuring Rabbi Klein and Cantor Sebo reminiscing on their 20 years at The Temple.

Saturday Morning, June 27 at 9:00 AM - Enhanced Torah Study
Rabbi Klein will be joined by Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Schlein for a special Torah Study session. Bagels and refreshments will be served.

Saturday Evening at 7:30 PM - Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo in Concert!
Plan to attend this spectacular evening as Cantor Sebo delights and entertains us with her beautiful voice.

Tribute Weekend Chairs: Faith & Sheldon Schaffer and Suzanne & Egon Singerman

Watch for more information!
MEET JENNIFER MENDELSON, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to share that Jennifer has joined The Temple staff as Operations Director! Her return to Cleveland follows twenty years in Cincinnati where she worked most recently at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion as Manager of Outreach, working with all departments on campus as well as the national administration. Jennifer coordinated campus outreach events, including museum openings, concerts, lectures, symposia, and collaborative and interfaith programming with outside agencies and organizations. She coordinated outreach efforts through electronic and social media in continuing collaboration with the College-Institute’s national administration, as well as local and regional agencies and institutions. She acted as events manager and partnered with the operations director on implementation of security procedures, maintenance requests, trainings and drills, and overall campus logistics. Before HUC-JIR, she worked in various non-profit organizations.

As Operations Director, Jennifer will be a key member of the administrative leadership and will oversee the smooth and efficient operations of The Temple. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, program operations, security, facilities management, outside events, and community partnerships. Jennifer supervises a facilities staff team, security officers, staff and volunteer receptionists, and works closely with the entire staff and clergy.

Jennifer lives in Shaker Heights with her dog “Frizbee” who is excited to finally have a yard of his own. She looks forward to getting reacquainted with the City of Cleveland. She is a 1998 graduate of Case Western Reserve University and was appointed to the CWRU Alumni Association Board in 2018.

Join us as we welcome Jennifer to our Temple family!

ISRAEL BONDS AND THE TEMPLE PRESENT

Ambassador Ido Aharoni

Global Distinguished Professor at New York University’s School of International Relations in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

who will speak on:

Israel the “Can-Do Nation”

Join Us for a Dessert Reception

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 PM at The Temple-Tifereth Israel

Ambassador Ido Aharoni serves as a globally distinguished professor at New York University’s School of International Relations. He is a member of the International Advisory Council of APCO Worldwide, a top-ten public relations company, and the founder of the renowned Brand Israel program and a well-known nation-branding practitioner.

Ambassador Aharoni was Israel’s longest serving consul general in New York. He held that position for six years and oversaw the operations of Israel’s largest diplomatic mission worldwide. Previously, he held positions in Los Angeles and New York.

Ambassador Aharoni has regularly appeared on national television and radio and has frequently published articles in the national and international media.

Michael Frayman, Event Chair

Couvert - $15 (not tax deductible)

RSVP by February 6 online at bit.ly/ibttdessert
or email reservations@ttti.org

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KESHER PURIM!
HONORING & CONNECTING WITH SENIOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

Sunday, March 8 at Noon
If you are seeking a wonderful individual or family experience, please join us to help pack and deliver Purim (Mishloach Manot) bags to our senior Temple members who don’t regularly get out and about. Each volunteer or family may deliver 2 or 3 bags filled with holiday goodies and beautiful Purim cards (courtesy of Ganon Gil children). We ask that you provide both transportation and smiles for this heartwarming experience.

Another Volunteer Opportunity!
TRANSPLANT HOUSE
On a quarterly basis, we cook and serve dinner to transplant patients and their families (see attached picture). Our next date there is February 12th, but volunteer spots are filling up quickly. If interested in volunteering there either now or in the future, please contact either Maureen Ordman-Fike at rainslicktwo@yahoo.com or Louis Innenberg at linenberg@ttti.org

For more information on Social Action opportunities, please contact either Faith Schaffer at FS321@aol.com or Louis Innenberg at linenberg@ttti.org

LIBRARY LINES BY ANDREA DAVIDSON

What’s new at the Hartzmark Library? Madame Fourcade’s Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France’s Largest Spy Network Against Hitler, by Lynne Olsen, is a brilliant biography of the incredibly brave resistance leader Marie-Madeline Fourcade during World War II. French Toast Sundays by Gloria Spielman would be very helpful for young children dealing with the death of an older family member. Mira is extremely sad about the loss of her beloved Grandma, but by the end of the shiva week of mourning, her family is able to tell sweet, funny stories about Grandma, and Mira is able to help carry on their custom of making French toast on Sundays, using Grandma’s secret recipe. We have many lovely children’s books for Tu B’Shevat. Among them: Sammy Spider’s First Tu B’Shevat by Sylvia Rouss, and Happy Birthday, Tree: A Tu B’Shevat Story by Adelyn Rosenberg.

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 PM
Claudia Woods will review The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
In this work of historical fiction, the author interweaves the story of two brilliant women separated by centuries, one in London in the 1660s, and one in the early twenty-first century. When a cache of seventeenth-century Jewish documents is discovered, historian Helen Watts is tasked to find the identity of the documents’ woman scribe, the mysterious “aleph.”

Bring your friends! The Temple will provide beverages and dessert.
Contact Andrea Davidson, librarian at 216.455.1724 for information.

Save the date: Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 PM
Jeremy Sosin will review The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl by Marra B. Gad
Copies will be available to borrow at the Hartzmark Library.
JOIN RABBI COHEN ON A FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL JUNE 2 - 12, 2020

We welcome Temple families to join Rabbi Cohen on a spectacular spiritual and educational experience in Israel. The trip will begin in Tel Aviv, Rabbi Cohen’s hometown. This journey will include opportunities for children and adults, as well as life cycle events.

**Trip highlights include:** Tel Aviv; Jerusalem; the Dead Sea; Ein Gedi; Masada; Beit She’an, Cleveland’s sister Jewish city; the Golan Heights; the Akko-Haifa area

The itinerary is packed with fun, good food, and a range of cultural and spiritual experiences. As a bonus, because of Rabbi Cohen’s personal connections in Israel, there are many surprises in store. This trip is designed to not be physically demanding and includes opportunities for some adventure for those who seek it (like hiking up Masada, doing more walking and exploring of certain parts of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, etc.).

Registration is open - Space is limited to 40 people so register early!

The full itinerary and pricing information can be found online at bit.ly/june2020trip

For questions or to reserve your spot on the trip, please contact Linda Hirsch at 216.455.1694 or email lhirsch@ttti.org.

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**CHILL OUT WITH US AT OUR**

**TWA WINTER PROGRAM!**

**Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 PM**

The Candle Studio at Pinecrest
100 Park Ave Unit 122, Beachwood

Spend a warm and cozy evening with TWA members and friends as we enjoy a light dinner and make our own candles.

**Cost $28 for candle and dinner**

Beverages from the bar and upgraded candle choices available for additional cost

Register and pay online at bit.ly/twawinter or mail payment with tear slip below to The Temple.

Reservations and payment due by February 4, 2020

Questions? Contact co-chairs Beth Innenberg at binnenberg@aol.com or Teresa Lichtcsien at tlichtcsien@aol.com

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**TWA WINTER PROGRAM**

Please make checks payable to: TWA • Form and check must be received by February 4.

Please mail to: The Temple, 26000 Shaker Boulevard, OH 44122

Name _____________________________________________
Phone ___________________________________________ Email ________________________________

COST: $28 each for TWA/ Temple women and guests # ____ attending @ $28 ea. Total $__________

Name(s) of Guest(s): ________________________________
OVERNIGHT THEATER EXCURSION TO NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, CANADA WITH RABBI ROGER C. KLEIN

Wednesday, July 22 - Thursday, July 23, 2020

Travel with Rabbi Roger Klein and others by coach to the Shaw Festival, stay overnight at the elegant Prince of Wales Hotel and attend three plays, Gypsy, Flush, and Sherlock Holmes and The Raven’s Curse.

The Shaw Festival, one of the finest repertory theater companies, is celebrated for its vivid and exhilarating productions of plays by Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries (1856-1950), and plays about the period of Shaw’s lifetime. Join The Temple Chai Lifers for this compelling theatre experience.

Deadline for registration is May 1. Registrations are non-refundable unless there is a replacement. We recommend early registration – last year’s excursion was fully booked early. Friends and family members welcome!

Passport required. Expiration date must not be within 6 months of travel.

Trip includes: Three plays with excellent seats, overnight stay at the elegant Prince of Wales Hotel, transportation by comfortable coach, driver gratuity, checking one bag, and Wednesday evening box supper.

Shared accommodations: $415 each
Single accommodations (limited availability): $525 each

For a full itinerary or questions, contact Barbara Kuby by email at kubyb7@gmail.com or call 440-421-9000.

SHAW FESTIVAL TOUR REGISTRATION

Make checks payable to: The Temple Chai Lifers and mail form & payment to:
The Temple, 26000 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood Ohio 44122, Attn: Cyndi Wilson
In the notes section: Shaw Festival 2020.

To pay by credit card, please submit this form AND call Cyndi Wilson at 216.455.1695 to provide payment information (a 3% charge will be added).

☐ Shared Accommodations $415 per person (rooms with two beds)
☐ Single Accommodation $525 per person (limited number of single accommodations available)

Please print both names. Payment of $830 required for both travelers at the time of registration.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - Follow up communications will be by email.

Name 1: ________________________________________ Passport expiration date: _____________

Phone: ________________________________________ Email: ______________________________________

(If sharing accommodations)

Name 2: ________________________________________ Passport expiration date: _____________

Phone: ________________________________________ Email: ______________________________________
REFLECTIONS ON THE 2019 URJ BIENNIAL

by Irwin Lowenstein

I was seated near the center of a room so large it was difficult to see the outer extents especially with 5,000 or so joyful people milling about, hugging, laughing and chatting with each other, many long-lost friends. As the house lights came down, the stage lights came up and the expressive harmonies of a ten-member backup band merged with a 50-voice choir, it felt more like a rock concert than a Shabbat worship service. But, here in Chicago, as a group of rabbis and cantors took the stage under a massive, immersive video screen, began one of the largest Shabbat evening services in the world. Could a service in so large a room with 5,000 worshipers be spiritual? You bet. With virtually every voice in the room participating with intention, enthusiasm and feeling, and, with thousands of voices in word and song merging in unison, the experience was transcendent.

This was but one aspect of the URJ Biennial, the flagship conference of the Reform Movement, where thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world gathered to pray, learn, dance, sing, reconnect with old friends and make new ones, and hear from the great leaders and thinkers of our day. An enthusiastic delegation of twelve from The Temple traveled to the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago from December 11 to 15, 2019, for the 75th such gathering, and we immersed ourselves in Judaism, exploring synagogue life, gathering new ideas, studying with scholars and celebrating with friends and family.

Our delegation included both veteran Biennial attendees and a few – including me – first timers and was comprised of clergy, professional staff, educators and lay leaders. As a leading congregation, The Temple enjoyed an honored position among the 525 Reform congregations from 54 states and provinces and 75 international congregations at the Biennial. Several members of our delegation had been selected in advance as presenters for two sessions among the 150 learning sessions offered. Rabbi Cohen and Lori Kowit, Director Early Childhood Education, presented the session “Eye on the Why: What’s Relevant and Meaningful to Families with Young Children,” and Rabbi Schlein presented on a panel for the meeting “Eight Principles of Strong Congregations.”

Some of the most influential and thoughtful thinkers of our day spoke at the Biennial including the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jodi Kantor, author and speechwriter Sarah Hurwitz, author AJ Jacobs and the World Union of Progressive Judaism President, Rabbi David Saperstein among many others. The concluding speaker, distinguished Holocaust scholar and author Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, implored those gathered to “build your identity on what you do, not what is done to you.” She continued, “If others rise up and try to destroy us, we live as Jews not because of them, but despite them. We revel in our Jewish identity.” Her words were both rousing and, little did we know, eerily prophetic given recent Anti-Semitic attacks.

After six days of inspirational worship, energized learning, networking with influential leaders of the Jewish world, singing and dancing, not to mention shopping in one of the largest exhibit halls of Judaica, books, music and Israeli art I’ve ever seen in one place, our delegation returned home strengthened with new ideas and enhanced friendships. Mark your calendar for the next URJ Biennial: December 8 to 11, 2021 in Washington DC. I’ll see you there.
BIMAH FLOWER FUND FEBRUARY

The beautiful flowers that grace the bimah on Shabbat are made possible through donations by the following:

In loving memory of Nathan Klausner by his daughter, Beatrice Gray

In loving memory of Mildred Lieberman by her children, Karen and Alan Krause and her grandchildren

In loving memory of William M. Neye by his children, Ellen and Stuart Neye and Rita and Burton Lifson

In loving memory of Nancy Kramer Newman by Joe Newman, her children, Pamela, Douglas, Cindi, her step-children, Deborah, David, Mark, and her grandchildren, Michael, Sophia, Sabra, Alex, Ariel (z’l), Chris, Molly, Gabriel, Zachary, Elijah, Abrianna (z’l).

In loving memory of Edith R. Kyman and Benjamin S. Hochman by their children, Carol and Kenneth Hochman

In loving memory of Sam G. Pickus and Mildred Levy Pickus on their birthdays, by Nancy Pickus, Miriam, Peter and Matthew

In loving memory of Kathryn G. Strauss by her daughter, Ginny Strauss Sukenik and Family

In loving memory of Eileen Beth Singer by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Z. Singer

In loving memory of Shirley Raven and Aileen Raven Fish by Mr. and Mrs. David Raven

In loving memory of Joan Terkel by Rachel Oettinger and Gail Kane

IN MEMORIAM

The Temple expresses heartfelt sympathy to members of the bereaved families. May the memory of their loved one be for a blessing.

MARJORIE COWEN - Wife of Scott S. Cowen; Mother of Lisa Feldman, Tommy (Ali) Feldman, Karen (Niklaus) Feldman, Amanda (David) Cowen Russell; Grandmother of Lulu, Toby, Henry, Joey, and Mara; Sister of Jim (Judy) Silbermann

ELINOR J. FRIEDMAN - Sister of Dr. Gerald (Vivian, deceased) Yosowitz (Nancy Levy)

ILEENE KLEIN - Mother of Russ (Debbie) Klein; Grandmother of Jordan, Julia and Ellie Klein

JOAN K. KLEIN - Wife of the late Jay Alan Klein; Mother of Larry (Ellyn) Klein; David (Marla) Klein; Grandmother of Seth, Brandon, Jeremy, Sydney and Camryn

LAUREL (DAFNA KRIEGER) RONIS - Sister of Dr. Robert (Lauryln) Ronis; Aunt of Dr. Sarah, Jenny and Anna Ronis

If the deceased was not a temple member, only family members belonging to The Temple are listed here.

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**Sunday Learning** 9:30 AM
- Chai Learning: 6:30 PM - All 7th gr.
- 7:00 PM - 8-12th gr.
- Photography Club: 6:30 PM
- TLC Skype

**Monday**
- Art Talk: 2:00 PM
- Chai Learning: 6:30 PM - All 7th gr.
- 7:00 PM - 8-12th gr.
- TLC Skype
- **TU B’SHEVAT**

**Tuesday**
- Midweek Learning: 4:00 PM
- Brotherhood
- Schwitz Night: 5:00 PM
- TLC Skype

**Wednesday**
- Midweek Learning: 4:00 PM
- TLC Skype

**Thursday**
- Shabbat Service: 4:30 PM
- No Midweek Learning

**Friday**
- No Shabbaton
- No Adult Learning

**Saturday**
- No Shabbaton
- No Adult Learning
- Shabbat Service: 4:30 PM

**Sunday**
- Art Talk: 2:00 PM
- Chai Learning: 6:30 PM - All 7th gr.
- 7:00 PM - 8-12th gr.
- TLC Skype
- **REMEMBER**
- Offices closed

**Monday**
- No Chai Learning
- No TLC Skype
- **PRESIDENTS’ DAY**
- **Offices Closed**

**Tuesday**
- Temple Board Mtg.: 7:00 PM
- No TLC Skype

**Wednesday**
- Literary Club: 1:00 PM
- No Midweek Learning
- No TLC Skype

**Thursday**
- No TLC Skype

**Friday**
- **TW A Winter Prog.**
- 5:15 PM
- **KABBALAT SHABBAT**
- **6:00 PM**
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- **Soup-er Oneg**
- **6:00 PM**

**Saturday**
- **TLC Skype**
- Offices closed
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Friday, February 21 at 7:30 PM

Join us for this special Shabbat as we worship together and recognize Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month.

Led by Rabbi Schlein and Rob Ross, this service will include sign language interpreting by congregant Karen Schiller, large print and braille siddurs, and the service’s music and readings projected on a large screen. Wheelchairs are always available in our lobby and our building and bimahs are accessible. It is our hope that this special Inclusion Shabbat will enable all persons to participate fully.

TGIS is a casual family-friendly service (for ages 5 to 95) that will have you singing, praying, and enjoying Shabbat with friends old and new!

A special wine, cheese, and dessert oneg will be sponsored by the Temple’s Social Action Committee.

For questions or more information, contact Rob Ross at rross@ttti.org.

PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!