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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS MAILING IS REPLACING THE
APRIL TEMPLE TIMES THAT WOULD NORMALLY ARRIVE THIS WEEK.**

Due to April cancellations and changes, we will update you weekly by email with information on how services and programs are being brought to you. You can always check our website at www.ttti.org to check for updates. If you are not currently receiving emails and would like to be added to our list, please send your email to Allison Shippy, Member Services Director, at ashippy@ttti.org.

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

March 2020

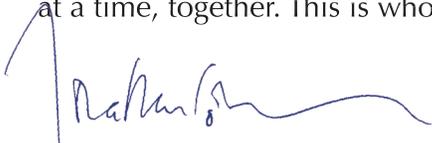
I hope this note finds you well, safe, and healthy. I am writing these words to you as we adapt to the flow of information regarding the spread and impact of the coronavirus, as we engage with a new set of needs – the needs of the hour – and as we implement the precautions of social isolation and stricter emphasis on hygiene and disinfection. Our central, overarching purpose at this time is to meet the crisis at hand, to support and strengthen each other, and to remind ourselves and our loved ones that we are not defined by our circumstances, but by the way we see and engage with our world.

Public health emergencies and crises represent a set of unique and acute challenges – challenges that undermine our private and collective notions of safety and needs for a semblance of control over our lives. Let us recognize with frankness and directness that the current crisis is no exception. Our personal safety and the well-being of our friends and loved ones are in greater and more perceptible danger than they were only weeks ago. The biblical plague of blood presented significant challenges, requiring Pharaoh and his administration to understand this new pollution challenge, evaluate water reserves, and if necessary develop new means and methods toward the rapid re-purification of water. Yet, we perceive a qualitative difference between such a plague and the fear of grave illness and death touching any household and family. So many of us have dedicated so much time and effort to advancing the safety and well-being of our families; this new crisis offers us a stark and unwelcome reminder of our vulnerabilities, limitations, and constraints. In our weekly Shabbat service, we read that “wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt.” Yet, we continue to affirm that “there is a better place, a promised land,” and that our collective journey to it “passes through the wilderness.” Let us recognize together that this year’s Passover celebration is colored by the shadow of Egypt. Further, more than ever, this year, in some sense, we are all Egyptian, we are all afflicted.

Yet, as we recognize the vulnerabilities of the human conditions, we cannot, do not, and will not lose sight of and hope in the strengths and blessings of love, resilience, and transcendence – the capacity to grow and overcome. We meet this crisis determined to worship and pray together, to learn together, and to support each other in sickness and in health. We call upon every member of our congregation to take the time and make the effort to stream and participate in our worship services. Beyond the gifts of engagement with our liturgy and community, every person’s participation at this time constitutes a statement of special, cherished friendship and

solidarity. We also call upon you to participate in the adult and family education programs offered by our clergy and the Temple Learning Center. Let us live out and send the message that ongoing learning and growth are important values in our lives, and that we give expression to this sense of Torah in community, enriching and being enriched by others. Let us communicate that we do not suspend our faith in the potential for new insight and understanding even in the face of fear and discomfort. In addition, we call upon members of our congregation to support each other and both grow and strengthen the network of resilience that our Temple community represents. Please let us know if you or someone you know needs assistance, guidance, or support. Our Temple clergy and staff stand ready to help and to direct and refer all of us to the appropriate resources for the help and support that are available. Please know that we still welcome additional volunteers who would call, otherwise reach out to, and assist especially vulnerable or isolated members at this time. Please consult the instructions with regard to worship, learning, and support that we offer here, through our congregational emails, and through social media.

The Temple-Tifereth Israel community is rising to this crisis. We shall emerge from this moment as a covenant community, united in faith that together we can truly see and meet the frailties and strengths of the human condition. We have the capacity and can muster the will to continue to learn, grow, and become the people we wish to be, and that our task is to always walk together through the wilderness we encounter. We shall offer no false hopes. We will not promote unrealistic, let alone magical remedies and prospects, nor shall we retreat in the face of physical and spiritual pain where we encounter it. We shall hold each other in our hearts. We shall strive to live, to teach our children and grandchildren that our Jewish and interfaith community will always make a difference. We will strive to heal, repair, and lead the way toward justice and compassion one person at a time, together. This is who we are.



Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

TENTATIVE APRIL CALENDAR*

Kabbalat Shabbat Services - Live Streamed

Fridays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 6:00 PM

bit.ly/tttilivestreaming or via our Roku channel (TTTI chapel)

Saturday Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Roger C. Klein - Live Streamed

Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:15 AM

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Adult Learning Series with Rabbi Roger C. Klein - Live Streamed

Session #3 - Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 AM

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Adult Learning with Rabbi Jonathan Cohen - Zoom

Saturdays, April 4, 18 & 25 at 5:30 PM

Watch your weekly email updates for the direct Zoom links.

Havdalah and Conversation

Saturday, April 18 at 5:30 PM

Watch weekly email updates for ways to participate.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

THE CORONAVIRUS AND US



As of this writing (March 16), we are witnessing the rapid expansion of the coronavirus and the toll it is inflicting. We do not yet have widespread testing, and so we are not in a position to know just how serious the situation is and how long the crisis will last. Schools and businesses and restaurants and concerts and sports events all have shut down, and we find ourselves thrown into a kind of emotional imbalance not knowing just what even tomorrow will bring. A feeling of passivity, of helplessness, and of debilitating isolation has come over us.

Yet, even though there is much that we cannot control, there are things that we CAN do. Most importantly we can act ... especially by reaching out to one another and making connections ... by phone, by email and text, by letter. People we know are suffering ... from lost income, from illness, from worry and fear, from loneliness. No, we do not know what tomorrow, let alone next week will bring, but we do know that we can act today.

And we can look to powerful literature for guidance. To Albert Camus' great existential novel, *The Plague*, for example, which explores the responses of one individual, Dr. Bernard Rieux, in the crisis that has hit his community. And Dr. Rieux's reaction to this crisis ... his devotion to his patients, his willingness to rise above self-interest ... displays the quiet heroism to which all human beings can rise. And yet, Dr. Rieux himself does not see his response as heroic at all. We hear him say, over and over again, that he sees his actions, not as heroic, but simply as those by a mere human being who is trying to express his humanity in the presence of others and their needs. In fact, it has taken him quite a while to see the crisis for what it is, for he, like us, has no categories with which to comprehend the incomprehensible and the unprecedented. And, since fathoming the suffering of others is so difficult, resolving to act comes slowly and with difficulty.

But, by insisting on facing a crisis and its human consequences, we may be led, as Dr. Rieux was led, to the conclusion that we CAN help and that we MUST help. Perhaps a friend or an acquaintance is living alone and would be touched and heartened by a phone call. Perhaps an elderly person finds himself or herself running out of food and is in need of some groceries. A quick trip to the store would relieve the anxiety. And yet again next week. Indeed, during a crisis such as this, which forces us to stay at home, the palpable bonds of community are susceptible to fraying. But, though we may not be able to be physically with others, we can sustain emotional connections by caring for one another, actively and purposefully. And we can, thereby, sustain the bonds of community through the non-physical means at our disposal.

After the debacle of the Golden Calf incident (Exodus 32) in which the forces of chaos have unraveled community ties and which led people to violence against one another, Moses evidently felt the urgent need to reknit the social bonds. How did he do it? Our Torah portion for this week (Va-yakhel/Pekudei ... Exodus 35 through 40) gives the answer: by giving individuals something TO DO! And something to do TOGETHER! He set them on the task of building the Mishkan, the wilderness Tabernacle. By having the people engage in common activities for a common purpose, Moses was able to recreate the community which had experienced such serious dislocation and decay ... and thereby to face the future with energy and hope.

Acting with common purpose and in parallel ways ... this is how we, by reaching out to others, can secure, over and against the corrosions of isolation, anxiety and fear which now beset us, the bonds of community with one another.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Roger C. Klein

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In loving memory of Celia Levine by her son,
Laurence and daughter, Barbara

In loving memory of Dr. Arnold Heller, on his birthday by
his wife, Doris Heller Cramer, children, Joan and Craig
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In memory of Arnold Reisman by his wife Ellen Reisman

In loving memory of Susan Faulb by Carol Faulb

In loving memory of Dorothy W. Silber on her birthday
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In memory of Aaron Rein by his children, Barbara and Barry Brouman
and grandchildren, Suzanne, Lauren and Eric

In loving memory of Anne and Simon Angart on their birthdays by
their children, Paul Angart, Linda Angart, Sherry and Richard Goldstein,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In loving memory of Horty Coven by her family



IN MEMORIAM

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

EDWARD DAVIS - Father of Barbara (Howard) Fleischmann

ESTHER B. EPSTEIN - Aunt of Ira (Amy) Kaplan

JOEL C. GELLIN - Father of David (Ellen) Gellin, Jane (Robert Elson) Joseph;
Grandfather of Julie (Dan) Reznick, Carrie (Ari) Shapiro, Hannah Elson,
Molly Elson, Rachel Elson

HENRY GROSSMAN - Father of Sharon (Jason) Moses; Grandfather of Jake
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WILLIAM (BILL) S. HART - Brother-in-law of Joan (Richard) Rivitz

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and Caden; Sister of Dr. Arnold Kahn, Rosalyn Sukenik (deceased); Friend
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Great-grandmother of Brody, Reese and Myles

PAULA D. ZEISLER - Mother of Julie (Shannon) Blackwell; Grandmother of
Andrew and Jonathan Blackwell

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The Coven Family

Jack, Liza, Marcia & Kenny

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send good wishes and blessings to you at Passover!



PASSOVER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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In memory of Stan Keller on his yahrzeit by Renee Keller
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by Eveline & Errol Bellon. Maude & Dr. Mel Shafron.
Wishing Peggy Wasserstrom a speedy recovery
by Maude & Dr. Mel Shafron

Wishing Barbara Kuby a speedy recovery

by Maude & Dr. Mel Shafron

In thanks and appreciation of Rabbi Klein

by Michele & Matt Narens

In honor of Sally Good's milestone birthday

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In honor of Bonnie Chizek's continued good health

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