

TEMPLE OF ISRAEL ~ MAY 2022 BULLETIN

NISAN - IYAR - SIVAN 5782

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

Israel as a Melting Pot ~
Wednesday, May 4th
at 7:00pm

The people of Israel are
diverse and innovative.

Please join us on Zoom for this special
celebration of Israel's unique population
with speaker Rick Barton, who will share
his ideas on modern day immigration to
Israel and the history of the various
waves of immigrants.

This is a joint Yom Ha'atzmaut
Celebration with the Wilmington Jewish
Film Festival, Temple of Israel and B'nai
Israel Congregation.

Join Zoom Program:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87696192032>

Meeting ID: 876 9619 2032

Call In: 312-626-6799

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Saturday, May 14th
at 10:30am

Temple of Israel and the B'nai Mitzvah
Class of 2022 cordially invites you to
attend the service in person or on Zoom
as they become B'nai Mitzvah.

Kiddush Luncheon follows the service.
RSVP by Thursday, May 5th by 9am
~ Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

MAZEL TOV to the Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Tom Fish
Sharon Levy
Eileen Rothberg
Belle Smith
Barb Sneiderman
Julia Vosler

Join the Service via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86828734758>

Meeting ID: 868 2873 4758

Call In: 301-715-8592

Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer and
more information

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Becoming

By Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov

As English speakers, when talking about our Jewish rite of passage, we sometimes say things like “I was bat mitzvahed” or “I had my Bar Mitzvah.” However, the proper way to discuss this crucial moment is to say that you “became a Bar Mitzvah” or that you will become a “Bat Mitzvah.” Yes, Hebrew is a complicated language. In this instance, it is an important distinction in understanding the real meaning of the event. That is to say that as Jews, at the age of 13 a person is recognized as a Jewish adult. They become a “child of the Commandment,” which means they are now obligated (allowed) to follow the mitzvot.

Did you become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Do you remember the ceremony or the celebration (or the fountain pen)? Did one of your children go through this Jewish rite of passage and become a B’nai Mitzvah? We’d love to hear about your experiences and even see your pictures!

I hope you’ll join us in person or on Zoom when six of our Temple members finally “officially” become Bat Mitzvah or Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 14th at 10:30am. We wish an early Mazel Tov to Tom, Sharon, Eileen, Belle, Barb and Julia. And say “Thank You” to Connie and Ruben who have helped to guide our students along the way! Also, if you never officially became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and would like the opportunity, please reach out to me...and did you know at age 83 you can have a “Second B’nai Mitzvah.” Again, let me know if you’re interested... rabbilosben@gmail.com

Also, we have been given a special opportunity to help a kindergarten/primary school class for 25 Jewish Ukrainian Children Refugees who have fled to Prague.

Please join us this Thursday, May 5th at 12 noon, on a special Zoom Session with Rabbi Maxa and the head of the school, Gafna Vanova to learn more about how we can make a difference.



Join the Zoom Session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601541105>

While many people have stepped up to help, the school is still in need of donations to run the class, including providing sustenance for the students and teachers. We have already committed to helping and I hope you'll consider making a donation to directly help these refugees.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to our Temple of Israel Ukrainian Support Fund.

A Fundraiser Benefitting the Temple of Israel's RESTORATION 150 FUND

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 from 5pm to 6:30pm

Roger Sherman will lead us in a conversation about his acclaimed film, "In Search of Israeli Cuisine." This wonderful film is a portrait of the Israeli people, told through food, conflict and life in general.

This will be a Zoom only event ~ that you will be able to experience and participate in from the comfort of your own home.

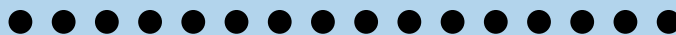
***** TO JOIN THIS EXCITING ZOOM EVENT *****

The cost is \$20 per screen and the Zoom link will be emailed once the payment is processed.

To make Payment: Click [HERE](#) to pay via Paypal or Credit Card
OR

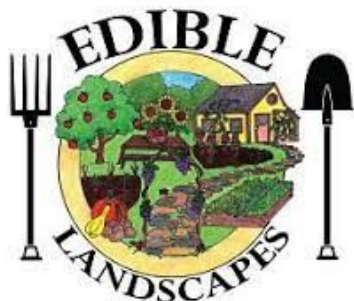
Mail a Check to: Temple of Israel, 922 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, ATTN: Cuisine Fundraiser

QUESTIONS: Please contact Peggy Pancoe Rosoff at pprosoff@gmail.com



EDIBLE LANDSCAPE at the REIBMAN CENTER

The Tikkun Olam Committee needs your help! Temple of Israel is creating a community-based, Tikkun Olam project at the Reibman center. We are creating an edible landscape; a place that brings together local community members to beautify the landscape using edible plants that provides nourishment for the community.



We will be working the next 2 Sundays

(5/1 and 5/8)

from 10:00AM - 1:00PM

to prepare for planting on 5/8

If you like gardening, working outdoors, Tikkun Olam, or just want to hear Stan Smith and a Reibman neighbor, Greg Webb, argue about who cooks the best brisket, then come on out and join the fun. We would love the help. Many hands make light work. Hats, gloves, sunscreen and water are encouraged.



YAHREZEITS for MAY

MAY 6, 2022

Harry P. Berman*
Meyer Gershengorn
Muriel Roth
Rose R. Hirsch*
Laura Lacher
Sylvia Grossman
Ann Levy
Rita Levy
Adolph O. Solomon*
Esther Fox
Eric Schain
Virginia Thurman

MAY 13, 2022

Marion Ruth Apfelbaum
Ralph Balser*
Rebecca Fogler
Joseph Freedland
Elizabeth Kreplick
Anthony Spataro, Sr.
Irwin Stein
Joseph Askenas
Samuil Kogan
Betty Wolk
Jeremy Scercy
Richard Schewel

MAY 20, 2022

Albert Solomon*
Lesley K. Harris
Sheila Fried
George Poster
Annie Dannenbaum*
Helen Zauzmer Kapiloff
Isidore Brown
Irving Ostrov
Howard Goldstein

MAY 27, 2022

Marion Weiner
Frances Baum
Abe Davidoff
Frances K. Weiss
Benjamin Galub
Robert Kallman*
Leon Lunden
Marty Liss
Sol Pleeter
David Reibman
Rebecca Bear
Sternberger*

MAY 2022 CALENDAR at TOI

Sunday, May 1

10:00am Religious School End of Year & Israel Celebration (RC)
12:00pm UJA Wilmington Family Fun Day (O)

Tuesday, May 3

5:00pm Torah Study (Z)

Wednesday, May 4

12:00pm Program: Counting the Omer (Z)
7:00pm Program: Israel Independence Day: Israel as a Melting Pot (Z)

Thursday, May 5

9:30am LCS Board Meeting (C)
12:00pm Supporting Ukrainian Refugees (Z)
1:30pm Membership Com. Meeting (C/Z)
7:30pm Nosh of Judaism (Z)

Friday, May 6

1:00pm Viewing the Holocaust through Art (Z)
7:00pm Shabbat Services (RC/Z/F)

Monday, May 9

1:00pm Discussion: Exploring Jewish Values Through a Talmudic Prayer: Eilu D'varim (RC)

Tuesday, May 10

3:00pm RPC Meeting (C/Z)
5:00pm Torah Study (Z)
6:30pm Tikkun Olam Meeting (Z)

Wednesday, May 11

12:00pm Program: Counting the Omer (Z)

Thursday, May 12

3:00pm Thoughtful Aging (Z)
7:30pm Nosh of Judaism (Z)

Friday, May 13

7:00pm Shabbat Services (RC/Z/F)

Saturday, May 14

10:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah (RC/Z)

Tuesday, May 17

5:00pm Torah Study (Z)
6:30pm TOI Board Meeting (RC/Z)

Wednesday, May 18

12:00pm Program: Counting the Omer (Z)
3:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting (C)

Thursday, May 19

7:30pm Nosh of Judaism (Z)

Friday, May 20

10:30am LCS Book Club (O)
7:00pm Shabbat Services (RC/Z/F)

Sunday, May 22

9:30am Meals on Wheels delivery (RH& K)
12:00pm LCS Member Luncheon (RC)
5:00pm Fundraiser: The New Face of Israeli Cuisine (Z)

Tuesday, May 24

5:00pm Torah Study (Z)

Wednesday, May 25

12:00pm Program: Counting the Omer (Z)

Friday, May 27

7:00pm Shabbat Services (RC/Z/F)

Tuesday, May 31

5:00pm Torah Study (Z)



O Offsite

ONLINE

Z Zoom

F Facebook

REIBMAN CENTER

C Conference Room

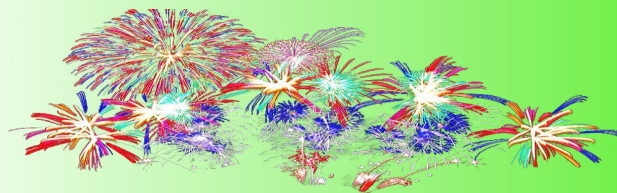
K Kitchen

RH Rosenberg Hall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Steven & Judi Robbins	5/1
Samariy Kogan & Maya Grushko	5/3
Sonia & Alan Morris	5/14
Alejandra & Molly Bergmann	5/19
Karen & Josh Vogel	5/19
Jean & Eric Rosenberg	5/21
Lucy & Robert Sherman	5/21
Bonnie & Steve Nison	5/23
Ellen & Martin Weinberg	5/24
Jeff & Meghan Beecher	5/29
Sandra & Howard Marks	5/31
Belle Smith & Oliver Downey	5/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Maya Grushko	5/1
Elyse Brown	5/4
Arthur Kareff	5/6
Corbin Penland	5/6
Paul Reinmann	5/7
Elizabeth Pancoe	5/8
Robert Meyer	5/9
Abigail Lacefield	5/13
Lewis Stein	5/13
Ruth Lippert	5/14
Steffaney Cohen	5/17
Marta Cohen	5/19
Carole Fink	5/20
Ellen Angus	5/22
Clayton Young	5/23
Stella Bloom	5/24
Judith Warhaftig	5/24
David Kenney	5/27
Myron Swetlitz	5/27
Julia Vosler	5/28
Lawrence Frankel	5/30

SAVE THE DATE...

SHAVUOT

Saturday evening, June 4th

7:30 Lessons from Sinai –
the Ten Commandments

8:30 Oneg and Havdalah
Classes continue at 9:00 and

10:30 until everyone is exhausted!

IN PERSON & ON ZOOM



VIEWING THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH ART Friday, May 6th at 1:00pm

This class introduces participants to the artists of the Holocaust - eye witnesses and 2nd/3rd generation artists who continue to "never forget" what happened under the Third Reich.

Click [HERE](#) to Register

After registering, you will receive instructions for joining the meeting.



PAVING THE WAY

Support our congregation, commemorate an event, or honor a loved one. Engrave a paver in the portico at the Reibman Center. Contact Ellen Balser at bushbalser@yahoo.com or 910-262-6199.



Persian Lessons

April 24 3:00 PM

Greener Pastures

April 25 7:00 PM

I Am Here

April 27 7:00 PM

The Automat

May 1 3:00 PM

Love & Mazel Tov

May 1 7:00 PM

Latter Day Jew

May 2 7:00 PM

Free Virtual - Exodus 1947

May 3, May 4, May 5

wilmingtonJFF.org

Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts

EXODUS 1947

THE SHIP
THAT LAUNCHED
A NATION



NARRATED BY
MORLEY SAFER

"...AN EXCITING STEP-BY-STEP
ACCOUNT OF A MAJOR
HISTORICAL EVENT."
—THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

WJFF MOVIE ~ EXODUS 1947

This will be a virtual viewing on Zoom. The link to this film will be made available Tuesday, **May 3rd at 12 noon and remain active until Thursday, May 5th at 11:59pm** on the Wilmington Jewish Film Festival Website - <https://wilmingtonjff.org/>

On July 11, 1947, in the port of Sète, France, 4,500 Jewish refugees were crammed into the hull of a decrepit steamship, later named Exodus 1947. A British blockade intercepted Exodus 1947 in international waters off the coast of Palestine...

EXODUS 1947 is a one hour documentary narrated by Morley Safer with a score by Ilan Rechtman. The film is a richly layered program, constructed with first person accounts to recall events that shaped world history.

Members gathered at Long Leaf Park for a picnic to honor new members
and reconnect in person



Sunday
April 10th

PICNIC
in the
PARK



**EXPLORING
JEWISH VALUES
THROUGH A
TALMUDIC
PRAYER: Eilu**

D'varim

**Monday, May 9th at 1:00pm
Reibman Center**

"These are the obligations without measure,
whose reward, too, is without measure" Please
join Rabbi Jim Apple and Jane Brody in a
discussion of Jewish values as identified through
the actions enumerated in this Talmudic prayer.

**COUNTING THE OMER:
Counting our Traditions, while
Counting our Days
Wednesdays, May 4
through June 1st
12:00pm - 1:00pm
On Zoom**

An in-depth Exploration of various Jewish rituals
during the time of the Omer, the 7-week period
between Passover & Shavuot (*began April 20th*).

Join a collaboration of
Rabbis (including Rabbi
Emily) from across the
country as they teach
about fundamental
Jewish rituals.



Week 3, May 4th: Mikveh

Week 4, May 11th: Reading of Torah with Aliyah

Week 5, May 18th: Brit Milah (and welcoming
rituals)

Week 6, May 25th: Observance of Yahrzeit

Week 7, June 1st: Havdalah

Click [HERE](#) to join Zoom Meetings:

Passcode: 364595

Call In: 646-558-8656

Please click [HERE](#) if you missed any of the
previous classes.



**TORAH on TUESDAYS
MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
at 5:00pm**

We would like to invite you to join
us as we study the Torah to bring
its insights into our daily lives while learning
more about our world and creating a sense of
community. New attendees welcome...

Click [HERE](#) for Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 974 991 253

Passcode: 899037

Call In: 646-558-8656



Ladies Concordia Society

Ladies Concordia Society extends a warm Mazel Tov to LCS members Belle Smith, Sharon Levy, Eileen Rothberg, and Barb Sneiderman as they are called to the Torah on Saturday, May 14th at 10:30am, to become B'Nai Mitzvah. May they remember this day with joy and gratitude.

This service will also be on Zoom. See the front cover for the Zoom address.

May 22, 2022 - End of Year Paid-up Membership Luncheon

Be our guest at the 2021-22 paid-up membership luncheon. It will be held at the Reibman Center, 922 Market Street, on Sunday, May 22nd at 12:00noon. An invitation with 3 lunch choices will be coming soon. If you have been putting off paying your yearly dues to Ladies Concordia Society - it's not too late to contact our Membership Chair, Malinda Zimmerman at malindaz85@gmail.com so that you too can be our guest!



In addition to lunch, we are very lucky to welcome Diane Pascoe, author and humorist, as our speaker that day. She will be telling us about her latest book, "Honey, Do These Earrings Make Me Look Fat?" She is an LCS favorite, and if you have never heard her speak, you are in for a real treat!

Please RSVP to Sherry Rotz (sherry.rotz@gmail.com) or Sharon Levy (sjlevy@verizon.net) before 5/17.

Soon you will be receiving a ballot listing the nominees to our **LCS Executive Board**. Voting will take place at our Paid-Up Membership lunch on Sunday May 22nd: The proposed 2022-23 board is:



President - Barbara Sneiderman

Administrative Vice President - Linda Bronstein

Recording Secretary - Ellen Angus

Corresponding Secretary - Lisa Steigler

Treasurer - Sharyn Rosenberg

You will also be receiving changes to our by-laws which we will also be voting on. If you cannot attend the luncheon, please send your vote to Sherry Rotz at the above email.

June 24, 2022 Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation Service

We will be having our annual Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation Service at 7pm on Friday, June 24th at the Reibman Center and on Zoom. If you are interested in taking part in the service, please let Sherry Rotz know. Respond to Sherry at sherry.rotz@gmail.com and indicate if you would like an English or Hebrew part in the service. More information about the service will follow soon.

L'Shalom,

Sharon Levy & Sherry Rotz, co-presidents



OMER FOOD DRIVE **Now through Saturday, June 4th**



Historically, from Passover until Shavuot, Jews were instructed to bring an offering of an "omer of wheat" to the ancient Temple. Since then, Rabbis have adapted that commandment to simply count the days from Passover to Shavuot and thereby fulfill the mitzvah of "counting the omer."

Please drop items at the Reibman Center Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 3pm or during Friday evening Shabbat Services.

Suggested Items: non-perishable items, canned and boxed foods, individually packaged items (ie: fruit cups, peanut butter, tuna, vegetables, pasta/rice, soups, drinks, cereals)

This drive is being sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee.

Religious School News

By Felecia Becker,
Assistant Director



Shalom, everyone! We are so excited to share how our past month went!

This past month we focused mostly on celebrating and preparing for the holiday of Passover! To start off the month the students learned all about the Passover story. After learning about the Passover story, the students and teachers went over what goes on the Passover Seder plate. To learn more about the Seder plate the students reviewed what the ceremonial foods in two different ways. The first way they learned was by drawing the Seder plate and marking what goes in each spot. They had the opportunity to do this virtually or on their own piece of paper. The second way the students learned



more about the Seder plate was by playing Virtual Pictionary. They had so much fun learning about Passover in many ways for our online program!



Moving on from our online Passover program, on April 10th the students had an opportunity to come in-person to the Reibman center for Religious School!!! For this session we focused on Passover songs, as well as, completing some Mitzvahs! We started the day talking to Jonathan Lacefield and Stan Smith about the "Edible Landscape" that is being created at the Reibman center. The students even had an opportunity to help prepare the earth and even plant some corn. The next "mitzvah project" the students completed was writing letters for some veterans including our congregants (Rabbi Jim Apple, Richard Eisen and Bob Sneiderman) who participated in the Cape Fear Honor Flight. The students loved writing heartfelt notes to multiple people in and outside of our community. Lastly, we finished our program with some Passover music with Ms. Hannie!!! The students had so much fun and we cannot wait to have another in person program in May!



During our last session in April our students also began discussing where they'd like to send their Tzedakah monies. Stay tuned to see what they decided- I know you'll be so proud of the generosity and caring of our fantastic students!



Thank you for an amazing past month! We are so excited to finish off the year strong at the beginning of May! Please stay tuned for a possible summer program and information for next year, as well!

Getting to Know the Temple of Israel – May 2022 – Moving Forward

By Naomi Kleid with help from Beverly Tetterton

Approximately six months ago, I promised to write six articles about the history of the Temple for the monthly Bulletin. With this article, my promise has now been met. Along the way, I've received help from many people mentioned in the by-lines; one who hasn't been mentioned is amazing and wonderful Nancy Robert, our Temple Administrator. Thank you Nancy, and thank you to all the other wonderful helpers.

But lots of topics remain to be covered, so the articles need to go on with a different by-line. I have some suggestions about topics and how we can move forward by helping each other.

For topics, there's the blessing that our Sanctuary shares with the church across the street and the story of how both congregations acquired the same blessing. Anyone want to write a short article on this charming topic? It's well documented and Beverly has pictures. This article should be easy to write.

There's also the story of how our services started in the basement of the Temple building, now known as Rosenthal Hall. How the current prayer space upstairs was created later without an indoor connection to the downstairs – congregants had to use the outside staircases until internal stairs were added later, and then redesigned so that restrooms could finally be provided. When was the warming kitchen added and who paid for that? And who paid for the wonderful elevator that provides access for congregants who can't use stairs?

We have an historic Sanctuary, but our Sanctuary's ceiling has acoustic tiles – that's certainly not historically accurate. But what is? A sanctuary in New York City built about the same time as ours talks about its tiled ceiling. What was our original ceiling made of? President Beverly Tetterton recalls seeing a dark wood board-and-batten ceiling in early pictures of our sanctuary. She thinks it was constructed with a crawl space to service the chandelier (perhaps when the chandelier was electrified). What were the materials used in our original ceiling? And what is the history of the chandelier? How did it get to Wilmington from Germany, and who paid to purchase and ship it? Do any of our readers want to research answers to these questions?

The Ladies Concordia Society (originally called the Harmony Club) has always had a very active role in raising funds for the Sanctuary and the school. Exactly what roles have they played over the years? Does anyone from LCS want to write one or more articles about this?

President Beverly Tetterton has given us a beautiful, informative book about our Sanctuary with a section on LCS. The book is called: The History of the Temple of Israel Wilmington, North Carolina. And Leonard Rogoff has given us descriptions of the social and historical contexts in which our Sanctuary was constructed. His book is called: Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina. But no two books can fully address all possible questions about our historic building – not even an encyclopedia could do that.

But many of our older members still remember how things used to be and why things were changed or not changed. Would some of our new members or a group of students from our school like to interview some of our older congregants and document what they remember? This would be a wonderful way to provide answers to some of our questions while the answers still live in our congregants' memories. Please don't let this opportunity pass. This project could create closer bonds among the generations within our congregation.

There are many ways our congregation can move forward. Let's save our beautiful building and save our history. Let's share our stories, love, and knowledge with each other.