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Temple Israel, an egalitarian Conservative synagogue rooted in a rich heritage of traditional Jewish values, is committed to enhancing the religious, spiritual, educational and cultural life of its members and the larger Jewish community through a commitment to Torah, our community, and continuity and growth amid change.

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**Monday & Thursday Mornings,
7:15 AM**

(Other days by arrangement with
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Sunday through Saturday

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Saturday Morning, 10:00 AM

See Detailed Shabbat Schedule
Inside

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Temple Israel 95th Annual Dinner & Meeting held on June 11, 2017



Officers (front row) Rabbi Kaplan, Debbie Troy, Bob Greenwald. (second row) Jeff Yelen, Joe Mitchneck, Dan Messinger



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Rabbi Kaplan *Writes...*



Dear Friends,

Our Shlichah, the young representative of the State of Israel that is working at the JCC Camp and in our community over the summer is

Imbar Sensura (she goes by the English form, Amber). She is from the Israeli port city of Ashdod, along the coast of the Mediterranean, just north of Ashkelon which is just north of the Gaza Strip. We hope to visit Ashdod to have lunch with Imbar and her friends when we're in Israel next February 25 to March 8. We might arrive a bit dusty because Ashdod is about half an hour from Bet Guvrin where we hope to begin digging in one of hundreds of caves filled with ancient artifacts that date back to the days of the Maccabees. If you join us on our trip, there's every possibility you'll unearth a Menorah. Not exactly the kind we use, but many oil lamps have been found there.

We'll visit the major sites in our Holy Land- Massadah and a dip in the Dead Sea (no need to tread water- you can't sink!) in the south, Tiberius and a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee in the northeast with a visit to the artist's colony in the mystical holy city of Tzfat, and Haifa in the north. There we'll see the amazing Bahai gardens and spend some time in what we hope will be our adopted sister city of Kiryat Yam. We are hoping to arrange an official meeting with the Mayor and City Council of this special town that is home to many Russian and Ethiopian immigrants to Israel. In many ways, there are similarities between the immigrants who settled in the coal mining towns of the Wyoming Valley and those who have settled in Kiryat Yam.

Twenty some years ago I was in Jerusalem with a group from my congregation in Florida. At our hotel there was a gathering of school principals from around the country. I happened to meet one of them, David Hezi, who ran a school of mostly immigrant elementary students in Kiryat Yam. He invited us to visit the school,

and I've taken every tour since to spend time with his classes. We're treated to a musical presentation (it's sort of a music magnet school) and we bring school supplies for the kids. David has taken special care of his students who are from relatively poor immigrant families. We're even hoping to leave our mark by planting trees and bushes on the school grounds to help augment the minimal landscaping there. At least this way when we plant trees in Israel, we'll actually be able to see them growing when we return!

When we leave the northern part of the country we'll stop at a Kibbutz called Sde Eliyahu which is a completely organic farming Kibbutz founded by the religious Zionist movement. Not only will we see a traditional Israeli Kibbutz, but we'll learn about the latest technology involving bugs and insects. This truly green Kibbutz makes its money from companies they've developed that export precisely correct bugs and insects all over the world for non-toxic, non-pesticide farming that uses nature itself to protect crops from the bugs and insects that might otherwise do harm.

We spend the majority of our trip in the holy city of Jerusalem. We'll visit (for the first time on a Temple Israel tour) Ir David, the City of David excavations where King David's palace once stood. We'll walk through the Western Wall Kotel tunnels and offer prayers for speedy recovery for friends and relatives that are ill at the southern part of the Wall where we can touch those ancient stones together (men and women together, that is).

We'll see the "New City" of Jerusalem, the "Old City" of Jerusalem, and we'll sit in the very spot that was "no man's land" in between the two 50 years ago before the Six Day War finally reunified the city. We hope to visit the Knesset and with the help of our former Shlichah Yarden Rappoport, we hope to spend some time with a member of Knesset whose electoral campaigns she has worked with.

Our hotel in Jerusalem is the beautiful and newly remodeled Inbal, and despite the busy days of touring, it will be a pleasure to relax in luxury.

The cost of the trip is \$4500 per person based on double occupancy. We need to have a \$400 deposit per person in by the end of July to secure the hotel and El Al flights.

Barry and Jay Weiss are making all of our arrangements, including our trip to the airport in Newark (or New York) and back, trip insurance, extensions, single rooms, special needs, etc. Our tour guide will be the amazing former Scrantonian Lee Glassman who knows Israel intimately and teaches about it passionately.

Please call, text or email me for more information, or call Barry Weiss directly at 570-650-0874. While the itinerary (which includes much more than the snippets I've already mentioned) is subject to change, it will be an amazing visit that every Jewish person needs to do. And you need to do it now. Don't wait until it's no longer easy to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors. God has given us the chance to come home for a visit. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

L'Shanah HaBa'ah B'Y'rushalayim!
Next year in Jerusalem!

Rabbi Kaplan

Because of the HIPAA Laws, we do not always know if our congregants are in the hospital (especially if they were taken by ambulance to the emergency room).

If you know of someone who is in the hospital and has not been seen by the Rabbi, please call the office and let us know they are in. Thank you



Cantor's Notes



Cantor Ahron Abraham

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, the eternal capitol of the Jewish People. It is a milestone in Jewish history worthy of note.

Jerusalem's story began when King David wanted an independent capitol for his newly united nation (Jerusalem did not belong to any particular tribe, just as Washington DC does not belong to any State). David conquered Jerusalem and set up his government there in 1000 BCE. David's connection to the city is still very strong – in fact, one of the names of Jerusalem is *Ir David*, the City of David. It was David's son Solomon who built up the city, constructing many beautiful buildings. The most magnificent of Solomon's construction projects was the Temple, one of the wonders of the ancient world. The Temple became established as the only place where sacrifices to God were permitted, making Jerusalem the religious center of the ancient Jewish world, a status that it has retained throughout the ages. Solomon's Temple stood for 400 years, but was tragically destroyed, along with the entire city of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE. It was perhaps the Babylonian exiles who solidified the special relationship between the Jews and Jerusalem. Their sentiments are reflected in Psalm 137: "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy."

Following the exile from our homeland, Jews continued to make *Yerushalayim* their focal point, praying towards Jerusalem 3 times a day and including prayers for the redemption of Jerusalem in our services. Even the Passover Seder concludes with the words "Next Year in Jerusalem." That dream of Jerusalem returning to Jewish hands was fulfilled during the final hours of the Six Day War, when Israeli General Motta Gur, with the support of Moshe Dayan and General Rabbi Shlomo Goren, led his troops through the streets of the Old City, fighting house to house, and ultimately taking the Temple Mount. Motta Gur's words to his troops at that moment spoke for the entire Jewish People:

"For some two thousand years the Temple Mount was forbidden to the Jews. Until you came — you, the paratroopers — and returned it to the bosom of the nation..... Endless words of longing have expressed the deep yearning for Jerusalem that beats within the Jewish heart. You have been given the great privilege of completing the circle, of returning to the nation its capital and its holy center...Jerusalem is yours forever."

Seemingly divinely tied to the liberation of Jerusalem is one of the most beloved songs of Israel, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*. Most people do not realize that the song was actually written just before the Six Day War, prior to Jerusalem's

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Women's League:

This year, the Women's League Shabbat served as our official closing event. Hats off to **Ina Lubin** and **Marsha Lebson** for spearheading the planning of this lovely Shabbat service celebrating 100 years of Women's League of Conservative Judaism. A job well done! A special thanks to **Ann Smith**, she is always amazing at facilitating the worship service of the Women League's Shabbat services, and to our dynamic speaker **Ronne Kurlancheek**. Her words imparted wisdom and inspiration to all women who have their own business or those thinking of starting their own business. The Wyoming Valley community is very fortunate to have a fantastic store like hers to buy home furnishings. We would also like to recognize everyone who participated in the services including: **Phyllis Landau** for beautifully chanting the Haftarah; as well as, the **Rabbi, Cantor, Johanna Gelb** as the Gabbi and everyone who had an honor and participated in the service. Lastly, the Women's League presidium would like to thank **Lynn Keiser** for preparing a special Kiddush and all those who sponsored this Kiddush.

The Presidium set out a goal to engage as many members as possible by offering interesting topics and programs. We scheduled events at varying days and times to accommodate the demanding schedules and needs of today's active women while continuing to offer assistance with transportation for those in need, to increase access to our programs. We will be hard at work over the summer, trying to plan next year's programs and fundraising events and we would like to hear from you. If you are able to share your time and talents to Chair an event or program, we would be grateful as we find that we are always in need of volunteers to assist. Likewise, we are in search of fresh, new ideas. We look forward to incorporating any suggestions that you provide into next year's programming. Congregational support of Women's League helps us to give back to the congregation. For example, by providing financial support to the Hebrew school, and sponsoring the shiva bagel baskets just to mention a couple. Furthermore, our shared experiences and collective contributions enrich our experience as Jewish women and enhance our connection to the Temple Israel community.

The Presidium,

Janet, Sheri, Amy and Renea

We are Women's League • We are Sisterhood • We are Temple Israel

SCHOOL NOTES

Happy July Birthdays to Our Students

July 14 Nora Seeherman
July 16 Marilyn and Sinclair Ogo

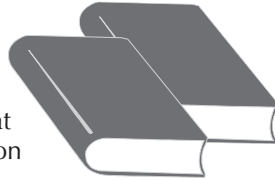


Happy August Birthdays to Our Students

August 4 Ethan Kruger
August 7 Ilana Drak
August 16 Halle Kranson
August 24 Sophia Kruger

Book Club:

The book club will meet on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Smith. The selection is Orphan #8 by Kim van Alkemade.



Synopsis

In this stunning new historical novel inspired by true events, Kim van Alkemade tells the fascinating story of a woman who must choose between revenge and mercy when she encounters the doctor who subjected her to dangerous medical experiments in a New York City Jewish orphanage years before.

In 1919, Rachel Rabinowitz is a vivacious four-year-old living with her family in a crowded tenement on New York City's Lower Eastside. When tragedy strikes, Rachel is separated from her brother Sam and sent to a Jewish orphanage where Dr. Mildred Solomon is conducting medical research. Subjected to X-ray treatments that leave her disfigured, Rachel suffers years of cruel harassment from the other orphans. But when she turns fifteen, she runs away to Colorado hoping to find the brother she lost and discovers a family she never knew she had.

Though Rachel believes she's shut out her painful childhood memories, years later she is confronted with her dark past when she becomes a nurse at Manhattan's Old Hebrews Home and her patient is none other than the elderly, cancer-stricken Dr. Solomon. Rachel becomes obsessed with making Dr. Solomon acknowledge, and pay for, her wrongdoing. But each passing hour Rachel spends with the old doctor reveal to Rachel the complexities of her own nature. She realizes that a person's fate—to be one who inflicts harm or one who heals—is not always set in stone.

Lush in historical detail, rich in atmosphere and based on true events, Orphan #8 is a powerful, affecting novel of the unexpected choices we are compelled to make.

Cemetery Plantings

Spring is here and people will begin planting flowers on the graves of their loved ones. **(Please note: as previously published, planting of shrubbery is not permitted in the cemetery).** If you need assistance, please contact our cemetery caretaker, Paul Lehman by calling his wife, Carla at 814-6834. Please note that no garbage cans are available in the cemetery, so when you finish, please take your trash with you.



Temple Israel in Action Honoring Our Veterans & Those Who Served

For the past 39 years, **Sam & Barbara Greenberg**, along with their family and friends, have helped to make sure that each Memorial Day we honor the memory of Jewish veterans by placing new flags on the grave sites of those buried in Jewish cemeteries throughout the region. Sam is a World War II veteran and past Commander and past National Commander of Jewish War Veterans USA. His wife Barbara is a past president of Jewish War Veterans USA Auxiliary.



Under the leadership of Co-Chairs **Janet & Mark Finkelstein**, Temple Israel's Social Action Committee coordinated the volunteer effort to fulfill this important mitzvah.

Special thanks to our Volunteers: **Rosemary Chromey & Richard Goldberg, Ed & Celia Connor, Rosalie Feldman, Janet & Mark Finkelstein, Sidney Friedman, Sam & Barbara Greenberg, Matt Kruger, Cindy Levinson, Fred Levy, Jane & Dan Messinger, Nancy Messinger, David Smith, Debbie Troy & Kenny Johnson.**

Also special thanks to the Volunteers from Temple B'nai B'rith: April Best, Tammy & Ted Brozek, Marshall & April Jacobson, Teena Wrubel



SHABBAT SCHEDULE

July

CHUKAT

Friday, June 30
 Candle lighting time8:21 p.m.
 Saturday, July 110:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Lori Prashker Thomas
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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BALAK

Friday, July 7
 Candle lighting time8:20 p.m.
 Saturday, July 810:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Debbie Troy
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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PINCHAS

Friday, July 14
 Candle lighting time8:16 p.m.
 Saturday, July 1510:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Ted Israel
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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MATOT-MASEI

Friday, July 21
 Candle lighting time8:11 p.m.
 Saturday, July 2210:00 a.m.
Creative Haftarah
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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DEVARIM

SHABBAT CHAZON

Friday, July 28
 Candle lighting time8:05 p.m.
 Saturday, July 2910:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by David Bravman
 Minchah5:15 p.m.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

August

VA'ETCHANAN

SHABBAT NACHAMU

Friday, August 4
 Candle lighting time7:57 p.m.
 Saturday, August 510:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Lisa Klee
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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EKEV

Friday, August 11
 Candle lighting time7:48 p.m.
 Saturday, August 1210:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Cantor Abraham
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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RE'EH

Friday, August 18
 Candle lighting time7:38 p.m.
 Saturday, August 1910:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Bob Greenwald
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
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SHOFTIM

Friday, August 25
 Candle lighting time7:28 p.m.
 Saturday, August 2610:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by Atty. Johanna Gelb
 Minchah5:15 p.m.

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liberation. Naomi Shemer wrote the original song for the Israeli Song Festival held on May 15, 1967, the night after Israel's 19th Independence Day. On June 7 the IDF liberated the Old City from the Jordanians. When Shemer heard the paratroopers singing "Jerusalem of Gold" at the Western Wall, she wrote the final verse, connecting the song to the reunification. The line about shofars sounding from the Temple Mount is a reference to an event that actually took place on that day.

I remember when I first heard the song 50 years ago, and although I've sung it many times over the years, it still has powerful meaning for me. May our eternal city fulfill it's name and become a city of peace, and may it always remain a city of light, Jerusalem of Gold.

Mazel Tov to:

- Janet & Mark Finkselstein on the engagement of their son, Steven to Gillian Eshleman
- Lois & Michael Rittenberg on the birth of their grandson, Everett Sawyer Rittenberg
- Ann Smith of the birth of her great-grandsons, Matthew Ryan Rabinowitz and Ryan Henry Rabinowitz
- Ellen & David Smith on the marriage of their daughter, Hillary to John Thompson

Condolences to:

- Janet Hoffman on the passing of her father, Louis Kranson
- Jerri Kranson on the passing of her husband, Louis Kranson

✧ July Yahrzeits ✧

Week of July 1 – July 7: Isaac Baicker, Benjamin Bravman, Lena Cohen, Lenard Cohen, Honnie Duncan, Iosif Elkin, Sophie Friedgood, Betty Frier, Esther Greenbaum, Norma Greenberg, Stephen Greenberg, Tillye Greenberg, Esther Kaufer, Jacob Kimhi, Henry Korn, Cheryl Koval, Harold Landau, Joel Levey, Selma Lurie, Louis Moskowitz, Pearl Moss, Lillian Poplin, Peggy Reinstein, Michele Rudnick, Mamie Savitz, Joseph Schoenholtz, Rivkah Schwarzblatt, Louis Shaffer, Howard Ufberg, Anna Waldman, Michael Zachar

Week of July 8 – July 14: Elaine Baron, Shirley Bernson, Simon Coblentz, Hyman Davidowitz, Julius Farber, Louis Feldman, Rubin Greenberg, Minnie Klein, Gertrude Koff, Sam Kornfeld, Sheldon Mermelstein, Ida Meyer, Sylvia Mittleman, Arnold Nachlis, Jerome Newman, Rose Newsbaum, Nancy Pascale, Eva Reisman, Ruth Rothman, Elizabeth Scott, Irving Shulman, Bertha Siegel, Lena Siegel, Marc Sirota, Samuel J. Slomowitz, Mildred Sugarman, Leah Trompetter, Calvin Ungar, Lisa Volodarsky, James Weiss, Selma Zneimer

Week of July 15 – July 21: Daniel Amdur, Eleanor Barr, Joseph Block, Morris Cutler, Joan Davis, Leonard Friedman, Elkin Kaplan, Margaret Karassik, Woodrow Kaufer, Louise Kupperman, Joseph Leventhal, Sarah Levy, Ronald Popky, Harry Poplin, Joseph Rabinowitz, Alfred Rothschild, Julius Savitz, Leah Ufberg, William J. Weisberger

Week of July 22 – July 31: Myron Ball, Bernard Bartikowsky, M.D. Brandwene, Arthur Burnat, Ruth Cavanaugh, David Clearfield, Elizabeth Dattner, Mildred Dattner, Esther Engel, Jean Mittleman Epstein, Albert Gelb, Manny Gordon, Lillian Grabar, George Green, Sam Hirshowitz, Morris Israel, Sarah Kanoff, Carol Swit Kaplan, Joseph Kellner, Ella Kluger, Isaac Krasno, Mildred Leventhal, Ned Levey, Hannah Mendelssohn, Bernard Morris, Frieda Morris, Beverly Morrow Siegel, Dorothy Nachlis, Bessie Naveen, Sidney Newman, Morris Perloff, Philip Plaksin, Tillie Plotkin, Eugene Rosen, Lottie Rosenthal, Bertha Saidman, Sara Saidman, Joseph Savitz, Jack Schoenfeld, Stephanie Schurak, Albert Schwager, Charles Shapiro, Juliette Stein Brown, Alfred Stern, Albert Sussman, Louise Tischler, Al Ufberg

✧ August Yahrzeits ✧

Week of August 1 – August 7: Irving Baron, Abraham Barras, Mildred Brown, Adele Coblentz, Max Cohen, Oscar Connor, Manny Cumsy, Jacob Feldman, Joan Betty Fishman, Hyman Goichman, Fannie Goldstein, Sol Guterman, Oscar Hacker, Minnie Harris, Beatrice Hearst, Harold Hyman, David Jacobs, Ida Levitt, Mervyn Mersay, Charles Nelson, Murray Popky, Aaron Rand, Mrs. Rose Rinzler, Wayne Robertson, Minna Rosenbaum, Louis Rubel, Bette Schechter, Marion Smulyan, Rebecca Tishman, Mary Waxman

Week of August 8 – August 14: Jack Bergsmann, Arnold Bleyer, Joseph Blum, Betty Weisberger Bohm, Irving Brown, Earl Robert Congleton, Lena Fierman, Julius Greenberg, Leopold Hochberger, Nathan Iscovitz, Emil Kellner, Irving Kirshner, Benjamin Klavonski, Jacob Klavonski, Ruth Kluger, Ruth Korson, Irving Lang, Jean Levin, Dora Levinson, David Libenson, Henry Mermel, Barbara Miller, Aronita Mitchneck, Max Moskowitz, Sara Newman, Bertha Rappaport, Arnold Rifkin, Sarah Robin, Ethel Sadock, Michael Salamon, Zeldia Salamon, Elsie Salsburg, Arthur Savitz, Harry Savitz, Rosalind Schweiger, Rosalyn Smulowitz, Sol Weiss, Milton Wiener

Week of August 15 – August 21: Tillie Bell, Leonard Berman, Howard Biederman, Marian Blum, Fae Boxer, Philip Bravman, Marjorie Leila Congleton, Theodore Diamond, Ruth Falk, Harry Frank, Leon Franklin, Sidney Friedman, Adele Gevitz, Max Goldstein, Frederick Gordon, Sadie Grossman, Joel Hanovice, Samuel Hanovice, Leah Levanthal, Sara Levinson, Theodore Levinson, Jacob Levy, Harry Mitchneck, Ruth Morris, Abe Naveen, Rose Plessett, Bertha Rosenthal, Michael Schoenholtz, Hilde Schwager, Mildred Silberman, William Speizman, Israel Zager, Barbara Zwirn

Week of August 22 – August 31: Mollie Abrahamson, Beth Abrams, Elaine Adelson, Esther Beber, Stuart Beck, Avram Behar, Anna Birnbaum, Bessie Bloom, Clara Brown, Matilda Burnat, Maxine Coblentz, Jack Friedman, A.H. Gallow, Arthur Gelfand, Jack Geller, Murray Geller, Samuel Goldstein, Ruth Gordon, Connie Green, Morris Greenberg, Rose Greenberg, Jacob Groh, Polina Gurevich, Ethel Haber, Lenore Harris, Philip Hershkovitz, Irving Hinerfeld, Seymour Hirschhorn, Geraldine Hyman, Anna Idelchik, Sylvia Isaacs, Mollie Kaplan, Howard Kayton, Sidney Keiser, Anna Krotick, Dr. Lewis Krotick, Mildred Lang, Herbert Levy, Lewis Mermel, Sylvia Messinger, Harvey Miller, Eva Raub, Harry Rifkin, Irving Robin, Ethel Schoenholtz, Seymour Schoenholtz, Meyer Schwartz, Marjorie Slomowitz, Bruce Smulowitz, Norman Sondheim, Samuel H. Stuttman, Henry Thalenfeld, Ethel Wachtler, Margaret Weisberger, Isaac Werner

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From Our President. . .



Robert Greenwald

The following are remarks presented by **Bob Greenwald** at the annual dinner held June 11, 2017

Rabbi Kaplan, Cantor Abraham, Dr. Benovitz, current and past Trustees of the Board, and friends, last year it was the NBA finals that had a tip off just after the dinner was to end. To be honest...I didn't and don't really care much about

pro basketball, but this year it's the Stanley Cup playoffs with Pittsburgh having the chance to repeat as champions. When we realized the potential conflict, **David Schwager** made a call to his friends in the Penguins organization and they agreed because we're honoring Dr. Benovitz they would delay the start of the game. We just have to call and let them know when we're done.

I want to thank **Larry Keiser** and the nominating committee for their work and David Schwager for standing in tonight for Larry who's home recuperating.

Thank you to **Debbie Schonfeld** and the dinner committee for all your hard work making tonight's event a great success.

The newly installed trustees will be a great asset to our board and I look forward to working with each of you this year.

Thank you to those trustees whose terms have ended, your leadership and dedication was evident each and every meeting. While your terms are complete, please don't let your voices be silent.

To the **Kornfeld** family and the staff of the Woodlands, every year you dazzle us with wonderful food and great service – thank you for treating us so well.

Finally to my wife **Nan**, who I said last year only laughed a little when I went out for meetings, well now it's not such a little laugh, it's more like disbelief. Thank you for letting me do this.

So what have we done this year? Here's a brief list and so as not to offend anyone by omission, I will not be announcing names attached to each item. Suffice it to say, each Officer, Trustee and Committee member played vital roles in our successes this year.

We completed an intensive Board Development program facilitated with the help of USCJ. This program allowed us to prioritize our issues and taught us how to communicate with each other more effectively.

Strict adherence to our financial plan and diligent work from our Budget, Financial, and Investment committees allows us to confidently move forward with our 30 year plan so that Temple Israel will remain viable for the future.

Our Partnership collaboration with Temple B'nai B'rith, Congregation Ohav Zedek and the JCA continued offering religious and culturally based programs throughout the year. And I'm happy to say that the combination of our religious schools is now set to begin in the fall.

Our special Shabbat services ... Law Day Shabbat was a huge success this year and Women's League Shabbat was a very special event featuring members participating in every role and classically attired. Finally, we now have a new part

time visioning implementation coordinator – **Ina Lubin** – to help organize staff and volunteers to move our Bold Statement visions forward with thoughtful planning.

So what's next? We will continue our efforts to modernize the Board of Trustees, make the officers obligations consistent with the evolving needs of the Temple and our vision. We will explore new ways to engage the next generation of Jews in the community. The task ahead is challenging but not unique.

Alan Gilbert, Music Director at the New York Philharmonic Orchestra is stepping down this year and was interviewed recently for Opera News magazine. He was speaking of the challenges ahead for the entertainment field in general and the Philharmonic in particular. Maestro said "I see a knee-jerk reaction, when things get tough, to revert to the old-fashioned. I've seen it at the Philharmonic, I've seen it pretty much across the board, and it's understandable, but I really, deeply believe that that's not the answer. We shouldn't throw out the baby with the bath water – we should fight like crazy to preserve the greatness of the tradition of classical music but, at the same time, not assume that staying conservative is the answer. People think 'Oh, we're not selling tickets. Let's program Beethoven.' That has not worked. I don't know why people continue to think that that is the answer." He continued "I've had orchestral musicians tell me, 'Oh I think we do too much contemporary music.' We don't get enough audiences for Tchaikovsky! I'm sorry. It's not that simple"

Doesn't that sound familiar? Couldn't we just change a few words here and there and make it sound like our own problems? Studies and observation have shown that families are less likely to be affiliated than in the past. For us to be important, for us to be a priority for the next generation — *we must change* — Change how we celebrate Shabbat services, make the content relevant, engaging and dare I say entertaining to today's Jewish families....

Change how we evaluate success, maybe it isn't only how many people are in Temple on Saturday, but rather how many ways during the week did we inspire someone to do something Jewish in their own lives....

Change where we celebrate our heritage. Tradition is and always will be important, but we have to drag our tradition outside the Temple and celebrate where our next generation wants us. I use the word "drag" intentionally because it's different and won't be easy, but with your support I believe our staff and the Board of Trustees are up to the task.



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Want to attend services or Temple events, but have no transportation? Just call the Temple office a few days in advance and we will try to arrange a ride for you.

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Change Service Requested

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 15	
Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Smith 16	17	18	19	20	21	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 22	
23	24	25	26	Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 29
30	Erev Tisha B'av 5:15 p.m. 31						

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Tisha B'av 1	2	3	4	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 5	
6	7	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 8	9	10	11	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 19	
20	21	22	23	Executive Committee – 7:30 p.m.	24	25	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m. 26
27	28	29	30	31			