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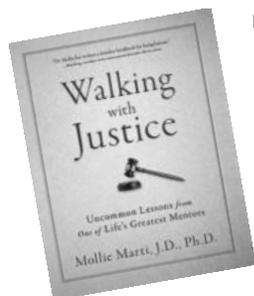
## Mollie Marti to Speak at JCC April 19

Mollie Marti, J.D., Ph.D will speak about her recently released book, ***Walking with Justice: Uncommon Lessons from One of Life's Greatest Mentors*** on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 60 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre. The event, sponsored by Temple Israel, the Jewish Community Center, Congregation Ohav Zedek, Temple B'nai B'rith, the law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald and the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association, includes a book signing and reception following the presentation.



Dr. Marti, a former law clerk to Judge Max Rosenn of the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, gives a portrait of the Judge that focuses on his extraordinary ability to mentor and inspire the young lawyers who were his students. Judge Rosenn's service to others was not only the cornerstone of his life, but also provided a mentorship experience of the highest caliber for his law clerks spanning three decades.

Mollie Marti is a psychologist, lawyer, and adjunct professor of psychology at the University of Iowa. She speaks around the globe to all types of organizations on leadership, resilience, servant mentorship, life design and business ethics. She brings years of experience in peak performance coaching with a prestigious list of clients, including Olympians and business elites, to her work mentoring leaders to thrive and serve. Inspired by her mentor's example, she founded the nonprofit Community Resiliency Project to help communities recover from setbacks and grow through challenges.



The entire community is invited to hear Dr. Marti speak about the lessons she learned from one of our own celebrated natives, Judge Max Rosenn. Reservations are required. To RSVP, please call Temple Israel at 570-824-8927.

# Rabbi Kaplan *Writes...*



Dear Friends,

This was my D'var Torah for Parshat Ki Tisah. It includes some ideas I've had about holiness, and why I believe we need to recapture

its meaning and message for the sake of public discourse- especially in light of the vast differences in America with regard to religion and its place in society.

## **KI TISSAH- Bracelets and Holiness**

You might say that this week's Torah portion is the quintessential scriptural statement on holiness. After all, up on Mount Sinai God places the two tablets of His holy law, the Torah, into Moses' hands. And before Moses begins his descent down the mountain God tells him that He regrets trusting the Israelites- they have mocked His holiness, they have created a golden calf and have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it. God tells Moses- stand back, I'm going to destroy them and I will create for you a great people.

And Moses pleads with God, "Don't do it!" Don't give the Egyptians the pleasure of hearing that You brought the Israelites out of slavery in order to kill them in the desert. SHUV MEICHARON APECHA, Return from Your anger, V'HINACHEM AL HARA'AH L'AMECHA, and don't do anything harsh to your people.

It was a real challenge- taking a group of ex slaves and bringing them into the wilderness and asking them to believe in an invisible God that demands of them obedience. It's one thing to be obedient to a visible slave driver and taskmaster. But to an invisible God- that's difficult to do.

So they got impatient waiting, and they created their own God to worship. They made their own rules; they gave in to their basic human nature.

But holiness is all about overcoming that nature. God wanted to simply destroy our ancestors and start over again. But Moses reminded God that we are only human, and we need

to learn to have faith in God's holiness.

Holiness is something that really doesn't change much through the years. It is grounded in those tablets that Moses eventually rewrote and brought to the people for a reason- it is eternal. Holiness doesn't change with time, it is timeless. The Torah is filled with rules and regulations- some are also moral, but all are holy.

Morality, on the other hand, does change with time, and with people, and with attitudes. This means that what may be considered moral today might also be considered unholy. I've been arguing for years that part of the biggest problem in communication we have these days is that we have jettisoned the language of holiness from our discourse, and rely only on what is legal or moral. People end up getting very upset because of it.

The concept of marriage is changing before our eyes. State after state is changing the laws to accommodate a new version of marriage. The Biblical version, from Genesis, at the end of the story of Adam and Eve says, AL KEN YA'AZOV ISH AVIV V'IMO V'DAVAK B'ISHTO V'HAYU L'VASAR ECHAD- And so a man will leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife and they shall be as one flesh.

In other words, this is not necessarily the natural thing to do, which is why it is the commanded thing to do. If it were natural, there wouldn't be a book titled "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus". We wouldn't call each other the "opposite sex." Naturally, we'd probably be attracted to those who were from the same planet that we were from. Both marriage and having sons and daughters has led me to believe that Mars and Venus aren't far enough apart- I don't think we are even from the same solar system.

That's why the Torah has to COMMAND us to marry the opposite sex.

The Torah's holiness ideals haven't changed. What has changed is society. We now believe that two men from Mars or two women from Venus can cleave unto each other and that anyone who complains about it is wrong. But

that's what happens in society. Our values change, they evolve. Holiness doesn't change. It is eternal.

The argument against redefining marriage isn't a moral one, at least not these days. Because morality has become what we do with one another that is non-coercive and doesn't hurt anyone. It is not immoral to ignore holiness standards, like the concept of Holy Matrimony, that have been in place for all of human history. Not one community, not one nation, not one philosopher, not one luminary of any age throughout history ever came up with the idea that two men or two women should marry. That's brand new. But to argue against it for moral reasons simply doesn't hold up to morality today.

Just about all anyone can say against it, is that it's unholy. And many people, including many of my colleagues, argue that it's just as holy. Which is fine, but that simply renders the term "holy" useless.

And I think it's extremely useful. Take the case of the 10 year old Kistler Elementary student who was suspended from school for wearing a breast cancer awareness bracelet.

Back in 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation handed out pink ribbons at a breast cancer awareness race in New York. It became the symbol of breast cancer awareness. Twenty years later, the pink ribbon is apparently not sufficient to bring about that awareness, and a new symbol has been born.

T-shirts and bracelets that read I ♥ "boobies." The website for this new campaign of awareness says it is trying to appeal to a younger audience to being this awareness sooner, although I don't exactly understand why 10 year olds need to be aware of this terrible disease which to the best of my knowledge isn't something that needs to be on their radar until at least after they reach puberty.

The 10 year old was wearing the bracelet which was seen by a teacher who asked her to remove it as per Wilkes-Barre Area School District policy. Her grandmother who cares for her, and who had her own breast

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# Cantor's Notes



Cantor Ahron Abraham

Jews like questions. The Rabbis of the Talmud learn about and decide points of law by asking questions from every angle, sometimes leaving the original question unanswered!

The average Jewish person grows up encouraged to ask questions about everything. It distinguishes us from most other religious groups. I remember one visit to a local Catholic Church with a group of our High School students where the priest was very impressed with the quality (and quantity) of the questions our kids asked, and expressed the wish that youngsters in his parish would be more inquisitive. This challenging, questioning nature that we Jews nourish ultimately leads to a greater understanding of our God, our heritage and our values.

If asking questions is characteristically Jewish, then Passover is the most "Jewish" of our holidays. *Ma Nishtana Haliyiah Hazeh* -Why is this night different? Many people at the Seder ask: Why do we have to talk about all of this again? We know the story – we've heard it so many times! The *Haggadah* provides the answer. Even if we all were experts on every aspect of Jewish history and law, we would still be obligated to re-tell the story. Why? Because we are to feel as if we personally experienced the miracle of the Exodus. *L'tziat Mitzrayim* (the Exodus) was the main event in our transformation from an enslaved band of tribes to an organized nation under God's law. It is tied to the very soul of every Jew, defining the kind of people we are commanded to be.

So many *mitzvot* are connected to our "Egyptian experience," reminding us to further the cause of social justice - taking care of the poor, treating the stranger and the fatherless with care and respect, because we were slaves in the Land of Egypt and therefore should understand their plight. A question we should ask ourselves is how can we best fulfill that mitzvah today? As a member of the Catholic Social Services board, I've learned how difficult it is for organizations which support the poor and the fatherless in our community to continue operations in the current economy. In addition to the soup kitchen, CSS is the parent organization for Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and other youth support programs, homeless shelters (now including Vision, which Temple Israel has hosted for years), drug and alcohol treatment programs and many adult and family support services. CSS has stepped in to administer several programs which would have shut down because of government funding cuts. They are struggling to keep these programs operating.

One of the first songs we sing in the Haggadah is *Ha Lachma Anya*, which includes the line, "*Kol dichsif yeitei v'yeichol* - Let all who are hungry come and eat." The Seder is not just a celebration; it is reminder of who we are, and what we value. Let's take that message to heart this year, and make part of our Passover observance helping those less fortunate than us.

## Women's League of Temple Israel

### SAVE THE DATE

[sisterhood@templewb.org](mailto:sisterhood@templewb.org)

**Two important events to put on you calendar**

**Wrap Up Meeting, Tuesday, May 8th at 6 p.m.:** This closing event will conclude another year of Women's League activities, and give members a chance to socialize. Please plan to attend as we share a light dinner, review our past year accomplishments and enjoy a special enjoyable presentation. Watch your email and mailbox for more details and reservation information.

**Interfaith Tea:** The annual Interfaith Tea is on **Tuesday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m.** at Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston. **Anne Rappaport** and **Charlotte Cutler** are once again representing our synagogue in the planning for this event. We hope to have strong participation from Temple Israel so please consider joining us at this interfaith get together.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Happy  
April  
Birthday  
to Our  
Students



April 2	Chad Romanowski
April 5	Gavyn Daley
April 15	Sam Nogin
April 30	Zachary Kornfeld

## Mazel Tov to:

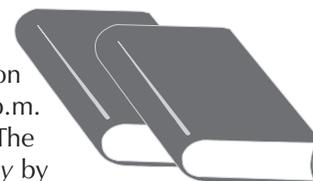
- Howard & Donna Kellner on the marriage of their son, Joshua Kellner to Jennifer Bakst

## Condolences to:

- Cheri Davidowitz on the passing of her mother, Elizabeth Scott
- Saul Kranson on the passing of his brother, Harry Kranson
- Leo Minkoff on the passing of his brother, Dr. Charles Minkoff
- Margie Rifkin on the passing of her father, Leonard German

## Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Connor. The selection is *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.



### Synopsis

*It's 1938 and twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent and roommate Evelyn Ross have moved to New York, determined to replace small-town Depression boredom with lively nights in the City That Never Sleeps. Determined to escape the clattering confines of a Wall Street secretarial pool, Katey searches for romance and advantage where she can find it; and find it she does, but in Amor Towles' polished debut, chance often trumps design. (An early review justly predicted "Readers will quickly fall under its spell of crisp writing, sparkling atmosphere and breathtaking revelations, as Towles evokes the ghosts of Fitzgerald, Capote and McCarthy.")*

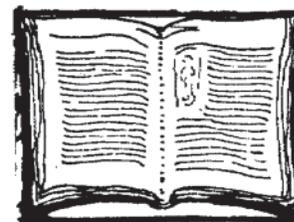
## Temple Israel Celebrates Fifty Year Members

Please join us in Temple on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. for a special Shabbat service, honoring our congregants who have demonstrated their dedication and devotion by being active members of Temple Israel for at least fifty years. These members will be recognized and invited to participate by taking an honor during the service. The featured speaker will be Tony Brooks of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society. A special Kiddush luncheon will follow. Special thanks to **Eileen Trompetter** and **Charlotte Cutler** for co-chairing this special event.

If you have the distinction of being a fifty year member and would like to participate in this service, please call the Temple office at 824-8927. We look forward to sharing this landmark day with our congregation and hope to see you there!

## Funding Available for Jewish Studies

The Max & Tillie Ungar Family Memorial Endowment provides tuition reimbursement for college students who have successfully completed courses in Jewish studies.



Requests for reimbursement and a copy of the grades for courses taken during the 2011-12 school year must be received by the Temple office by May 25, 2012. All awards will be made after May 31st. For more information, please call Debbie Schonfeld at the Temple office.

# Attention Snowbirds

Please call the Temple office with the date you will be returning home in the spring. We want to make sure you receive your Temple mailings, including your *Chronicles*.

It is important that you notify the Temple office if your address is incorrect, if there are changes, or if you are going away for an extended period of time.

Due to new regulations by the U.S. Postal Service, any mail that cannot be delivered because of an incorrect address will be returned and a "return fee" will be charged to Temple Israel. We do not want to have to pay these fees for undeliverable mail.

Thanks for your cooperation.

# Sponsor a Kiddush on Shabbat

Do you have an upcoming Simcha that you would like to share with the congregation? Why not sponsor a Kiddush in honor of that special occasion. Come celebrate the birth of a child or grandchild, a special birthday, a marriage or a milestone anniversary by sponsoring a Kiddush following Shabbat services.

For information on sponsoring a weekly Kiddush, call the Temple office, at 824-8927 or e-mail [office@templewb.org](mailto:office@templewb.org).

# Adult Bat Mitzvah & Basic Hebrew Reading Classes to be offered at Temple Israel

Rabbi Kaplan will be offering Adult Bat Mitzvah classes again this year. Our former students, who were called to the Torah in May, 2010, became leaders in the congregation in various capacities and we look forward to a new class to follow in their capable footsteps! In anticipation of the Bat Mitzvah class, Rabbi Kaplan will be offering a class in Basic Hebrew Reading, which will teach the Hebrew alphabet and vowels. Classes will be held on Monday evenings in the School Building with dates TBA. The Basic Hebrew classes will be open to everyone, both women and men. If interested, please call the Temple office at 824-8927 or e-mail [rabbi@templewb.org](mailto:rabbi@templewb.org).

# We Care

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.

# SHABBAT & PASSOVER SCHEDULE

## PESACH

Friday, April 6  
Siyyum for First Born.....7:00 a.m.  
**FIRST SEDER**  
Candlelighting time.....7:16 p.m.

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Saturday, April 7  
**First Day of Passover**  
Festival service .....9:30 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Atty. Jerry Chariton**  
Minchah .....5:15 p.m.

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Sunday, April 8  
**Second Day of Passover**  
Festival service .....9:30 a.m.

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Friday, April 13  
**Seventh Day of Passover**  
Festival service .....9:30 a.m.  
Candlelighting time.....7:24 p.m.

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Saturday, April 14  
**Eighth Day of Passover/Yizkor**  
Festival service .....9:30 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Dr. Samuel Hammerman**  
Minchah .....5:15 p.m.

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## SHEMINI

Friday, April 20  
Candlelighting time.....7:31 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21 .....9:30 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Sara Williams**  
Minchah .....5:15 p.m.

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## TAZRIA-METZORA

Friday, April 27  
Candlelighting time.....7:38 p.m.  
Saturday, April 28 .....10:00 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by David Bravman**  
Community Kiddush at the JCC.....12:30 p.m.  
Minchah .....5:15 p.m.



# APRIL YAHRZEITS



**Week of April 1 – April 8:** Fred M. Adler, Sarah Amdur, Dr. Milton Burnat, Isadore Cimmet, Benjamin Cohen, Mary Coplan, Ada Eichler, Lois Finkelstein, Lillian Finley, Monroe Freed, Eleanor Freedman, Milton Freedman, Sylvia Ungar Glassberg, Josef Salman Gurevich, Morris Hacker, Bernard Harris, Fred Harrison, Naomi Hatfield, Anna B. Mittleman, Leonard Nataupsky, Virginia Nelson, Belle Newman, Rebecca Rome, Joseph Rose, Sam Savitz, Betty Sirota, Lillian Stein, Ervin Stern, Moritz Stern, Betty Stuttman, Gregory Tsigelman, Rose Turoff, Aaron Weiss

**Week of April 9 – April 15:** Sid Abrams, Rae Baicker, Tina Beck, Mildred Bloom, Walter Boxer, Maurice Caplan, Adele Coplan, Samuel Cutler, Claire Fainberg, Gladys Friend Ball, Clement Karnofsky, Benjamin Karp, Nathan Klein, Jonas Lang, Bessie Mardo, Joseph Monsky, Benjamin Moskow, Arnold Nachlis, Hyman Park, Calvin Pezzner, Rose Rudolph, Sam Rudolph, Nellie Russin, Irving Salsburg, Terisa Flisser Schnieder, David Turoff, Zelda Weiss, Arthur H. Zimmerman

**Week of April 16 – April 22:** Evely Baum, Lydia Berman, Benjamin Chernus, Annette Cohen, Irving Cohen, Lillian Connor, Freda Feldman, Isaac E. Frank, Sidney Greenberg, Ruth Hess, Mildred Isser, Muriel Klein, Esther Kornfeld, Fannie Kuffler, Jennie Landau, Arthur Lee, B.J. Levin, Leon Levine, Meyer Mendelssohn, Janice Null, Alice Pearlman, Dr. William Pearlman, Sidney Picker, Lazer Ribakovskiy, Myron Rifkin, Samuel Rosenberg, Jennie Rosenn, Louis Rosenthal, Jennie Schiffman, Fred Schwager, Harold Smith, Luther Smith, Vera Smith, Max Tepper, William Weisberger, Reba Winkler, Samuel Wisoker, Rita Wolberg

**Week of April 23 – April 30:** Robert Bachman, Edie Bergman, Marvin Blum, Maurice Cimmet, Melvin Ehrich, Marat Elkin, Rose Friedman, Gertrude Garber, Lillian Gutterman, David Hanovice, Daniel Hinerfeld, Robert Jaffe, Robert Lee Jaffie, Pauline Janowsky, William Kaufman, Philip Kluger, Sheldon Kluger, Robert Kutner, Frank Lubin, David Meyer, Harry Meyer, Sadie Moses, Rose Nelson, Ethel Reichlin, Earl Rome, Arthur Rosenberg, Claire Rosenberg, Lois Rosensweig, Sylvia Savitz, Ida Smith, Abe Zatcoff

Please note the following local members who are observing yahrzeits during the month of April and try to attend minyan with them in order that they may say Kaddish:

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|----------|---|----------|--|
| April 1  | Dr. Irving Berger, Elina Levinson, Norman Weiss   | April 17 | Jewel Jacobs, Ethel Moskow, Stanley Pearlman                           |
| April 2  | Judge Coplan, Roz Friedman, Atty. David Harris, Lenore Harris, Melvin Warshal   | April 18 | Dr. Frank Berman, Ann Rifkin   |
| April 5  | William Finkelstein, Melvin Feltz, Lorraine Weisberger  | April 19 | Marvin Smith   |
| April 6  | Sandra Adler, Roman Gurevich, Constance Stern, Laurie Schwager  | April 20 | Leonard Chernus, Debby Chernus, Lorraine Weisberger, Ernest Weisberger |
| April 7  | Dr. Gary Nataupsky, Jack Savitz, Atty. Joseph J. Savitz   | April 21 | Dr. Jeffrey Null, Stanley Pearlman, David Smith, Velma Smith           |
| April 8  | Estelle Freedman, Dr. Louis Freedman, Constance Stern   | April 22 | Debra Rosenberg  |
| April 9  | Jay Karnofsky, Janet Popky, Marsha Lebenson, Beverly Nachlis  | April 23 | Stuart Abrams, Mimi Sirkin, Atty. Allan Kluger                         |
| April 10 | Eleanor Cohen, Ethel Moskow, Irving Moskow, Ruth Levey  | April 24 | Celia Connor, Naomi Meyer, Lois Pensak                                 |
| April 11 | Barbara Levy, Max Salsburg  | April 25 | Dr. Richard Blum, Sidney Friedman, Dr. David Barras                    |
| April 12 | Sally Berman, Lisa Lang, Lois Spath, Allan Nachlis, Beverly Nachlis   | April 26 | Tammy Engel, Rose Hanovice, Charlotte Cutler, Richard Levy             |
| April 13 | Irene Blum, Stanley Fainberg, Susan Shoal, Norman Weiss   | April 27 | Judy Bachman, Estelle Karp   |
| April 15 | Stuart Abrams, Hannah Gallagher, Shelley Barras, Lillian Cohen  | April 28 | Randi Feno, Lev Libman   |
| April 16 | Phillip Connor, Pat Rosenthal, Stephen Rosenthal, Gary Kornfeld, Mark Kornfeld, Atty. David Schwager, Rivkah Prothero | April 29 | Sheldon Nelson, Marilyn Rosenberg, Debra Rosenberg, Ruth Levey         |
|          |   | April 30 | Bruce Gutterman, Carol Jackier King, Sheldon Lubin                     |

# From Our President. . .



Fred Levy

Shortly after I wrote my last Chronicle article to you in February, I was invited by the Wilkes-Barre Jewish Federation Real Estate Committee, along with **Rabbi Kaplan, Ann Smith, and Debbie Schonfeld**, to a luncheon held at the JCC on February 15. Representatives of Congregation Ohav Zedak, Temple B'nai B'rith, and the JCC

were also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to assess and discuss the genuine willingness of each congregation to move each of their congregations to the Federation's development site on Third Avenue in Kingston.

In the meeting the Federation Real Estate Committee indicated that a commercial entity had recently made an offer to purchase the Third Avenue property from the real estate developers. While preferring to give our Jewish community the prioritized position for the creation of a Jewish campus, the developers would like a definitive answer from each congregation fairly soon. The Federation

Real Estate Committee indicated that they would provide each congregation with an estimated annual rental cost based on square footage needed on the proposed site. We are awaiting that information.

Immediately thereafter, I formed a Temple Israel Real Estate Evaluation Committee which first met on February 22. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate Temple Israel's options, meet with the congregation, and then make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. **Martin Meyer** has agreed to chair this important committee. Other members include **Alan Hollander, Michael Rittenberg, David Harris, Martin Jacob, Abbe Kruger, Ann Smith, Rosemary Chromey, Debbie Schonfeld, Charlotte Cutler, Jennifer Dressler** and myself. I will communicate with you as information unfolds.

*I hope to see you on Shabbat !  
Wishing you a Happy Passover,  
Fred Levy*

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## Rabbi Kaplan *Continued from page 7*

cancer scare recently, had the 10 year old wear the bracelet the next day armed with an essay about 1st amendment rights. The child was told to remove it by school officials. When the girl refused, she was suspended.

You probably won't believe this, but the ACLU is defending her and is suing the school district to reverse its policy. "Boobies," and other similar iterations of the term in various forms in slang, have until now been something that might be heard in men's locker rooms, or seen on the cover of men's pornographic magazines and websites. Having grandparents encouraging their 10 year old granddaughters to wear these words on their wrists during the school day is brand new.

It seems that every few years words that used to be reserved for private conversations and were never shared in polite company, have become the norm. And those who refuse to bring such colorful terms into our vocabulary are seen as prudish.

Ok, I admit it. I'm prudish. I can't even translate the Torah accurately- VAYACHAVOSH ET CHAMORO- "And Jacob saddled his .... donkey!"

Holiness calls us to raise ourselves up from our nature to a higher level,

toward the divine. Our nature is sexual- we humans throughout history have learned to respect that sexual nature but to keep it private. Many in modern times have assumed that keeping certain things private was a way of repressing our nature, and that's not a good thing. Holiness says repressing our nature, overcoming our nature, is a great thing. It is at odds with modern thinking.

So children are now exposed to everything sexualized. Things that never would have been on TV during prime time are now common fare, and words that never would have come out of our mouths at a young age are commonplace among children today.

But holiness hasn't changed. It still wants us to raise ourselves up from our nature. And it is at odds with pressure from 2012- which wants us to embrace our nature. I have no qualms with the ACLU, I have no negative feelings about this 10 year old or her grandmother. I have no problem with the new advertising campaign that knows that these bracelets will turn more heads than a pink ribbon will.

By the way, as advanced and progressive as we believe we've come, most of us, even those less prudish than

me, would probably hesitate if there was a campaign to bring greater awareness for a very common form of cancer that affects male genitalia. Are we ready to have our 10 year olds wear bracelets that say I ♥ .....?

It's all moral as far as I'm concerned, and I really don't think the school districts will be able to stop it- since I don't believe they have any good reason to do so. There is only one reasonable argument to say it's inappropriate- and that is to say it doesn't rise to the level of holiness, instead it brings us down, it demeans us just a bit. School districts have already jettisoned their claim to holiness. They no longer have a leg to stand on.

The intention is noble, the outcome is undoubtedly good. Pink ribbons can achieve the same thing, and still keep us holy. Perhaps we should pause just a bit as we enter this brave new world where prudish thought is frowned upon or is immediately labeled a phobia. Perhaps we owe it to our ancient tradition to think about holiness as we forge ahead.

*Rabbi Larry Kaplan*

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April 2012									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1	2	Hebrew School Board of Trustees meeting, 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	Siyyum for First Born, 7 a.m.; First Seder	6	7	First Day of Passover festival service, 9:30 a.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	Seventh Day of Passover festival service, 9:30 a.m.	14	14	Eighth Day of Passover festival service/Yizkor, 9:30 a.m.
15	16	Hebrew School	17	18	19	Hebrew School 7 p.m. – Dr. Mollie Marti lecture at the JCC	20	21	Hebrew School Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.
22	23	Hebrew School	24	Nuremberg: It's Lesson for Today, King's College, 6 p.m.	25	Hebrew School	26	27	Shabbat services, 10:00 a.m., followed by Community Kiddush at the JCC at 12:30 p.m.
29	30								

**Save the Date**  
 Law Day Shabbat, May 5th.  
 Guest speaker, Judge Lesa Gelb.

## Temple Israel Funds

The following is a listing of Temple Israel funds to which donors may contribute for memorials, simchas, recoveries, etc. Minimum contribution is \$5.00 unless otherwise noted.

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 ESTHER & NATHAN KLEIN  
 PASSOVER ENDOWMENT  
 RALPH & MURIEL KLEIN MEMORIAL FUND  
 HANNAH & WILLIAM S. KLINE LIBRARY FUND  
 LANDAU PAVILION FUND  
 LEVY CHAPEL FUND  
 BEN LIBENSON MEMORIAL ART FUND  
 FRANK & HILDA LUBIN  
 FEED THE HOMELESS FUND  
 LYONS EDUCATION FUND  
 MINNIE MORRELL MUSIC FUND  
 MINYAN FUND  
 BARBARA NEWSBAUM MILLER  
 PRAYER BOOK FUND  
 SAM NELSON CARE PACKAGE FUND  
 DORIS & JEROME NEWMAN  
 EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND  
 PASCALE/KAPLAN EDUCATIONAL FUND

PRAYER BOOK FUND  
 RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND  
 RABINOWITZ TALLIT FUND  
 JOAN F. & HERBERT L. RITTENBERG FAMILY  
 ENDOWMENT  
 SALLYANNE, HAROLD & FRANK SCOTT ROSENN  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE ENDOWMENT  
 SAIDMAN-GREENWALD TORAH FUND  
 (\$18 MINIMUM)  
 SANCTUARY FUND (\$25)  
 SHAFFER SHABBAT KIDDUSH FUND  
 SHAFFER SUKKAH ENDOWMENT  
 SILBERMAN MEZUZZAH FUND  
 SIMS ENDOWMENT  
 MARK SLOMOWITZ MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT  
 HAROLD R. SMITH HEBREW SCHOOL FUND  
 MAX & TILLIE UNGAR FAMILY  
 MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.  
 USY/KADIMA FUND  
 MORRIS VILENSKY MEMORIAL FUND