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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 Cantor Abraham)

Sunday Mornings, 8 AM

Sunday through Saturday

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Saturday Morning, 10:00 AM

See Detailed Shabbat Schedule Inside

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Law Day Shabbat May 7, 2016

Law Day Shabbat, co-sponsored by Temple Israel and the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association, will be held on May 7, 2016 starting at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Law Day Shabbat serves to underscore the positive role of attorneys in the secular and religious community. We know that the law has a central role in Jewish society for it is written in Deuteronomy 16:20 “Justice, justice shalt thou pursue.”

Johanna Gelb and Barry Dylor, co-chairs of the program, are pleased to announce that this year marks the 14th anniversary of this unique program. We are particularly pleased that **Justice Christine Donohue** will be our featured speaker.

Justice Christine Donohue serves on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, commencing in January 2016.

Prior to her service as a Supreme Court Justice, Justice Donohue served on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for eight years, commencing in January 2008.

As a lawyer, Justice Donohue was a civil trial lawyer and litigator for 27 years. She was a shareholder in the law firm, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C. and was the practice manager of the commercial litigation department in its predecessor firm, Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, P.C. She earned her Juris Doctor degree at the Duquesne University School of Law where she served on the Duquesne Law Review. While in practice, she held the AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, she was listed in Best Lawyers in America, Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and the Top 50 Attorneys in Pittsburgh. She is an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is a past president of the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Justice Donohue is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations. She served on the Board of Governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association and was also the Chair of its Young Lawyers Division. She is a member of the American Bar Foundation and a charter member of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. She served as a member of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association for two decades. She was twice recognized in Pennsylvania Law Weekly as one of Pennsylvania’s “Women Leaders in the Legal Profession”. She is a judicial member of the American Inns of Court.

Justice Donohue is a former judge on the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline, a former chair and member of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, and a former member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Justice Donohue taught ethics for attorneys at the Duquesne University School of Law. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Hill House Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, Turtle Creek Valley Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Inc. and the National Aviary of Pittsburgh. Justice Donohue is a frequent lecturer at seminars on the topics of appellate practice and judicial ethics.

Justice Donohue’s chambers are in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She resides in the city of Pittsburgh.



Justice Christine Donohue

Rabbi Kaplan

Writes...



The San Gabriel Mission was founded in 1771 and was a historic part of the founding of the City of Angels, Los Angeles, California. The tiny cross on the seal of

Los Angeles County represented that early Catholic foundation of the city and its Biblical name. There were also oil rigs on the seal that designated energy production, the Hollywood Bowl, and Hollywood stars next to the cross. The goddess Pomona takes up the entire mid-section of the seal. Early this century the ACLU threatened LA County with a lawsuit because of the tiny cross, and despite efforts by people of all religions, including Jews and Muslims, to keep the historical cross, county commissioners removed it. They also removed the history of oil and industry and replaced it with a depiction of the San Gabriel Mission, without its cross on top.

In 2014 new commissioners tried to return the tiny cross to its historic place and last week a federal judge declared that miniscule sign of the county's religious origins unconstitutional. So the cross has been removed and the symbol of a Taco Bell like building is now part of the new history of LA County.

The other day an article on NPR listed the books that made the American Library Association's list of books most requested to be removed from libraries in America. They included *Fifty Shades of Grey* and a book about transgender teens speaking out. Number six on the list was *The Bible*!

Here were a few of the comments that followed the article:

"The Bible should be rated R and kept away from children."

"No problem as long as it is filed under fiction - where it belongs."

I think most folks these days would have less of a problem with their kids reading *Fifty Shades of Grey* than if they caught them reading the Bible. Just as they'd have less problem with their kids cursing than they would hearing their children quoting Biblical verses. There was a time when being an American youngster meant memorizing entire portions of the Bible. Today the Bible questions on

Jeopardy are downright juvenile. We are a nation founded on Biblical principles that has successfully raised multiple generations that are Biblically illiterate. For what purpose? Multiculturalism? But isn't Biblical Literacy part of American culture?

What frightens us so much about the Bible? What offends us so much about a tiny cross that represents the founding of a mission in 1771?

We've reached a critical point in our nation's history. We want to continue to pass on the values that created America, but we want to do so without the religious and Biblical roots that made it possible. American Jewish philosopher and thinker Will Herberg, a former communist turned religious Jew, wrote in his major work *Judaism and Modern Man* (1951) about the "cut flower culture":

"The attempt made in recent decades by secularist thinkers to disengage the moral principles of western civilization from their scripturally based religious context, in the assurance that they could live a life of their own as 'humanistic' ethics, has resulted in our 'cut flower culture.' Cut flowers retain their original beauty and fragrance, but only so long as they retain the vitality that they have drawn from their now-severed roots; after that is exhausted, they wither and die. So with freedom, brotherhood, justice, and personal dignity — the values that form the moral foundation of our civilization. Without the life-giving power of the faith out of which they have sprung, they possess neither meaning nor vitality."

Divorced from their Biblical moorings, how can any of our cherished values possibly stand up to the rigors of invalidation by someone or some group that challenges them? It becomes our word against theirs. The author and psychologist Viktor Frankl expressed a Biblical ideal in his 1946 book about his experiences in the concentration camp during the Holocaust, *Man's Search for Meaning*. He wrote:

"From all this we may learn that there are two races of men in this world, but only these two — the 'race' of the decent man and the 'race' of the indecent man." But last year University of California professors were asked to

take seminars on each campus about avoiding racist micro-aggressions including saying, "'There is only one race, the human race,' which is offensive because it denies the significance of a person of color's racial/ethnic experience and history." Without the Biblical authority that all humans were created in the image of God, who is to say that Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl is correct on race and UC Berkley is wrong? As Dostoyevsky wrote in *The Brothers Karamazov*- "Without God everything is permitted."

We Jews brought God into this world in a big way. And we have watched as God and His Torah have been removed from public life and the public square. My students at Kings and Misericordia are Biblically illiterate. They do not know the basic Bible stories that every child knew decades ago. During the course I teach them the "R" rated parts, the fiction parts, and the real life parts that are as relevant today as they were 3,000 years ago. And by the end of the semester, after teaching them the sublime, the extraordinary, the comforting, and the discomforting parts of the Bible, most answer "yes" to the question "Should American high school students be exposed to the basics of the Bible before they graduate?"

How many Jews would answer that question in the affirmative? How would members of Temple Israel answer that question? Because by answering "No" are we not saying that it is a good thing generations of Americans have been raised to be Biblically illiterate?

I believe we need to begin a discussion on these issues. With all the tolerance that is being preached these days, I think we need to start becoming more tolerant of Biblical values and religious matters.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Spring!

Rabbi Larry Kaplan



Cantor's Notes



Cantor Ahron Abraham

We celebrate *Yom Hatzmaut*, Israel Independence Day on May 12 this year, and I thought it appropriate to give you a little background on Israel's National Anthem, *Hatikvah*.

The lyrics of *Hatikvah* come from the nine-stanza poem, "*Tikvateynu*" ("Our Hope") written in 1877 by poet Naphtali Herz Imber (1856-1909) from Galicia. An ardent Zionist, Imber moved to the

land of Israel in 1882. His passionate poem, which also strongly expresses the ancient hope of the Jewish people to return and reclaim our ancient homeland, touched the soul of the Jewish people, and was adopted as the anthem of the Zionist Movement at the First Zionist Congress in 1897. [A local note- our member Margie Harris happens to be the great granddaughter of Imber. Talk about *yichis!!*]

So what about the melody – an old Jewish folksong, right? Nope. The tune actually dates back to 17th century Italian composer Giuseppino Del Biado, who included it in his 1600 collection of madrigals. It was later known in Italy as "Ballo di Mantova." The haunting melody spread throughout Europe under various titles, and was the basis of Czech composer Bedrich Smetana's symphonic poem known as "Moldau/Ma Vlast" or "Die Moldau." *Hatikvah* was most likely adopted from *Die Moldau* by Romanian Jewish composer Samuel Cohen in 1888.

Hatikvah, like the State of Israel itself, has had a complicated, often poignant history. Here are a few historic tidbits:

- The British Mandate government briefly banned its performance in 1919 due to Arab anti-Zionist political activity.
- In 1944, Czech Jews spontaneously sang it at the entry to the Auschwitz-Birkenau gas chamber and were beaten by SS guards.
- In a BBC recording (April 20, 1945) Jewish survivors of the Bergen-Belsen sang *Hatikvah*, five days after liberation.
- Some observant Jews have accused *Hatikvah* of being too secular, and advocate changing the words *Am Chofshi* (Free Nation) to *Am Kodshi* (Holy Nation).
- When the State of Israel was established in 1948, *Hatikvah* was unofficially proclaimed the national anthem. It was not officially sanctioned as the national anthem by the Knesset until November 2004.

Hatikvah continues to endure as a powerful expression of Jewish nationalism, tying us to our Homeland and our People. "*The hope of 2000 years, To be a free nation in our land, The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*"

Temple Website

You can check on the Temple's activities, services, calendar and events. Go to www.templewb.org. It is a simple and quick way to get information.

Slate of Officers, 2016-2017

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Smith, is pleased to present the following slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Dinner on June 5, 2016:



Officers for Election to One Year Term

President.....Bob Greenwald
 First Vice President.....Abbe Kruger
 Second Vice President.....Joe Mitchneck
 SecretaryDebbie Troy
 TreasurerJeff Yelen
 Financial Secretary.....Dan Messinger



Board Members for Re-Election

Janet Finkelstein
 Linda Greenwald
 Ryan Kranson
 Steve Rosenthal
 Amy Schwartz



New Board Members

Carol Baltimore
 Rob Friedman
 Hal Levine
 Jane Messinger
 Mark Robzen
 Sheri Robzen
 Ellen Smith



Respectfully Submitted

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 Bob Greenwald
 Larry Keiser
 Abbe Kruger
 Barbara Levy
 Fred Levy
 Jack Savitz
 Jill Schwartz
 Ellen Smith
 Ex officio:
 Ina Lubin
 David Schwager

SCHOOL NOTES

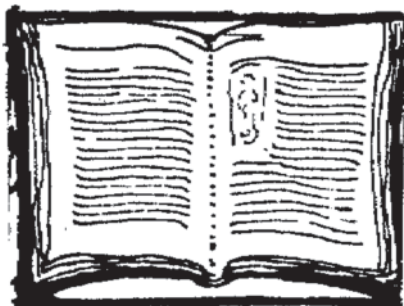
Happy
May Birthday
to Our Students



May 7	Seth Kranson
May 13	Abigail Capin
May 16	Brooke Lieberman

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 2015-16 school year must be received by the Temple office by May 27, 2016. All awards will be made after May 31st. For more information, please call Debbie Schonfeld at the Temple office.



Bar Mitzvah of Samantha Seeherman

Samantha Seeherman will become Bat Mitzvah on May 14, 2016 at Temple Israel. She is the daughter of

Jay Seeherman and **Heidi Seeherman**, (obm) and granddaughter of **Sheila Seeherman** and **Stephen Seeherman**, (obm) and **Bedonna and Joseph Mitchneck**.

Samantha is currently attending Temple Israel Religious School and is enrolled in The Bear Creek Community Charter School in the seventh grade. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and is its Recording Secretary. During her free time, Samantha enjoys spending time with her sister Nora, family and friends. Samantha plays the cello and is a student and orchestra member at the Suzuki School for Strings. Her other interests include, reading, cooking, arts and crafts and playing soccer and field hockey, as well as playing with her pet dog, Mabel.

As Samantha's Bat Mitzvah project, she is collecting stuffed animals for children who are placed into foster care. She is looking forward to sharing her special day with family and friends.



Bat Mitzvah of Noam Wasik

My name is Noam Wasik and I will have a Bat Mitzvah on May 21, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.. I have a brother named

Yonah and my parents are **Leamor and Mitch Wasik**. I attend Lake Lehman Junior/Senior High School. There I play for the Junior Knights Lacrosse team and run cross country. I also swim for DMAC. I have been swimming for 5 years.



Groh Minyan Breakfast Honoring our Veterans

Please join us on Sunday, May 22
as we welcome guest speaker

Clem Gover

who will speak about his experiences in
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Minyan at 9:00 a.m.

followed by breakfast at 9:30,
speaker at 10:00

RSVP to the Temple office by May 16

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

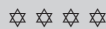
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Friday, May 6
 Candle lighting time.....7:48 p.m.
 Saturday, May 79:30 a.m.
Law Day Shabbat
Guest speaker, Justice Christine Donohue
Haftarah will be chanted by Johanna Gelb
 Minchah.....5:15 p.m.



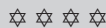
KEDOSHIM

Friday, May 13
 Candle lighting time.....7:55 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1410:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Seeherman
 Minchah5:15 p.m.



EMOR

Friday, May 20
 Candle lighting time.....8:02 p.m.
 Saturday, May 2110:00 a.m.
Haftarah will be chanted by David Bravman
 Minchah5:15 p.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Noam Wasik



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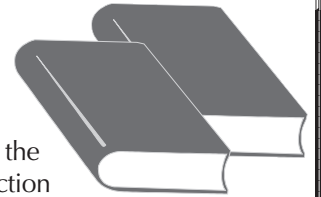
Friday, May 27
 Candle lighting time.....8:08 p.m.
 Saturday, May 2810:00 a.m.
Naming of Madalee Feigenblatt
Haftarah will be chanted by the Kaplan Family
 Minchah5:15 p.m.

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



Book Club:



The book club will meet on Sunday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sally Connor. The selection is *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai.

Synopsis

A MEMOIR BY THE YOUNGEST RECIPIENT OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

"I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday." When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

I AM MALALA is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

I AM MALALA will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

Mazel Tov to:

- Joanne Kluger on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Natalie Margaret Gardner
- Dr. Arthur & Barbara Meyer on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Abigail Meyer
- Stanley Pearlman & Renee Ross on their marriage
- Atty. David Schwager on his appointment as Vice-chair of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Condolences to:

- David Barras on the passing of his mother, Sylvia Barras Moskowitz
- The family of Eleanor Cohen on her passing
- The family of Harriet Gray on her passing
- Janice Savitz on the passing of her husband, Joseph J. Savitz

☆ MAY ☆
YAHRZEITS

Week of May 1 – May 8: Sid Abrams, Evely Baum, Lydia Berman, Frances Block, Walter Boxer, Benjamin Chernus, Annette Cohen, Irving Cohen, Lillian Connor, Adele Coplan, Charles Feldman, Freda Feldman, Isaac E. Frank, Sidney Greenberg, Ruth Hess, Mildred Isser, Benjamin Karp, Muriel Klein, Esther Kornfeld, Fannie Kuffler, Jennie Landau, 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 May 9 – May 15: Robert Bachman, Edie Bergman, Marvin Blum, Melvin Ehrich, Marat Elkin, Judith Finkelstein, Rose Friedman, Gertrude Garber, David Hanovice, Daniel Hinerfeld, Jeremiah Israel, Robert Jaffe, Robert Lee Jaffie, Pauline Janowsky, Pauline Karp, William Kaufman, Philip Kluger, Sheldon Kluger, Priscilla Kurlancheek, Robert Kutner, Dave Meyer, Harry Meyer, Joseph Meyer, Sadie Moses, Rose Nelson, Freda Popky, Ethel Reichlin, Max Reisman, Earl Rome, Arthur Rosenberg, Claire Rosenberg, Lois Rosensweig, Ida Smith, Abe Zatzoff

Week of May 16 – May 22: Minnie Barras, A.W. Berman, Muriel Burnat, Maurice Cimmet, Samuel P. Cohen, Leah Cutler, Franklyn Davis, Arthur Dorf, Henrietta Ginsburgh, Sadie Goldstein, Lillian Gutterman, Hannah Hacker, E. Philip Israel, Dora Jordan, Robert Klein, Mania Kornblau, Celia Krasno, Marvin Livingston, Frank Lubin, Edith Miller, Rebecca Nudelman, Sylvia Savitz, Miriam Sims, Hanne Tischler, Tillie Ungar, Hannah Weisberger, Morris Yelen

Week of May 23 – May 31: Ruth Berman, Deborah Buckler, Annie Burnat, Sarah Cohen, Harrison Coplan, Charles Crames, Maxwell Crames, Marcia Levine DeVore, Joseph Dorf, Yolanda Engel, Mary Fierman, Anne Finkelstein, Maynard Finkelstein, Mildred Freeman, Edith Friedman, David Ginsburgh, Ruth Greenwald, Wolfe Harris, Anna G. Hyman, Manny Judd, Morton Kaufman, Clarence Ky Levin, Peter Mahalick, Harold Meyer, Harry Miller, Harry Mittleman, Abe Morris, Edward Popky, Martin Popky, Jacob Rabinowitz, Dr. Lester Saidman, Gerald Savitz, Harry Yale Smulyan, Elsa Stern, Harry Sulkes, Lillian Sullum, Sam Sumner, Frances Wasserstrom, Faye Weinstock, Dorothy Weissberger, Herbert Winkler, Yettie Wisoker

Women's League:

Please join us as we conclude our term as the Presidium of Women's League with the following events.

On May 10th, Temple B'nai B'rith will host the annual Interfaith Tea at 1:00 p.m. Featured speaker, Howard Grossman, will speak about *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Please plan to attend and help to make the afternoon a success .

Our closing meeting and luncheon will be held on May 25th at 12:30 p.m. at the Woodlands. Watch your mail for further details. Transportation will be available for those who need it. Local author, Marguerite Nardone Gruen ,will be reading from her first book, *The Band 4*, and will share with us her inspiration for writing this novel. Autographed books will be available for sale

Rabbi Kaplan will be installing our new Presidium, **Janet Finkelstein, Renea Hammerman, Sheri Robzen & Amy Schwartz**. We look forward to a new year with new ideas and new programs while continuing some of the programs of the past.

It has been a wonderful two years and we all look forward to next year.

Anita, Bedonna and Cooky

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.



All Shabbat services will begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted

Attention Members:

Temple Israel is now on **facebook**.

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updates and news about all that's happening at your synagogue! Be sure to Like our page and visit often!

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From Our President. . .



Ina Lubin

From My Perspective:

As I write this column, a new Jewish year is beginning with the month of Nisan and the upcoming celebration of Passover. Sadly the last month of the old year closed with the loss of several beloved congregants in its final weeks.

We lost Attorney and Temple Israel Past President **Joseph Savitz**, a

distinguished citizen in our Jewish and secular community. Joe was eloquently eulogized at his funeral by his son Mark, his friend and law colleague Attorney Gene Roth, Wilkes University President Dr. Patrick Leahy, his nephew **Jack Savitz**, Rabbi Charles Popky, plus a former law clerk of Judge Max Rosenn's and a protégé of Joe's. The reoccurring theme in all of the tributes was he was 'a good man'. High praise, and so true for a man that served our congregation with such loving dedication.

We also lost our beloved former Rebbitzin, **Sylvia Barras Moskowitz**. She was highly educated for women of her generation as a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary College of Jewish Studies and Hunter College. She also had a Masters of Social Work from Columbia University. In her Rebbitzin role, she contributed to our synagogue in her own right, and once her three children were raised, engaged in a social work career. She was also a book author and magazine contributor.

When Rabbi Barras and Sylvia were leaders of our congregation, I was growing up and then moved away during my late teens and twenties, so my memories are sketchy. I asked Temple Israel Past President **Ruth Chariton** to share her remembrances with me.

Ruth remembers that Sylvia was bright, personable, refined and a role model to the women of the congregation. She was an active participant in Sisterhood. Members looked forward to her Sisterhood installations which she conducted with great talent and cleverness with respect for both the dignity and joy of the occasion. Her annual book reviews were also eagerly anticipated. It was not a successful year for Sisterhood without Mrs. Barras' book review and discussion.

While Sylvia was reserved and refined, Ruth remembers two examples when she showed her other side. On Simchat-- Torah she let loose dancing with the Torahs, and when Ruth's daughter was born, Sylvia came to their apartment, took off her shoes, and danced. Music and song were of great joy to her.

At her funeral, two of her grandchildren gave beautiful

eulogies that spoke to her love of family, her intelligence and strength.

The third loss was **Eleanor Cohen**, an Eternal Light member and co- owner with her husband of Miller's Jewelry and Gifts, a well know shop on Wilkes-Barre's South Main Street patronized by so many of us for both Jewish and secular life cycle events.

On behalf of the entire congregation, I extend our deepest condolences to the families of Attorney Joseph Savitz, Sylvia Barras Moskowitz, and Eleanor Cohen.

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

You may not be aware that our congregation is a member of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). We pay annual dues to this primary organization of synagogues practicing Conservative Judaism in North America. USCJ offers many resources that contribute to the health and vigor of the many conservative congregations on their membership roster. Here are just three examples of the value they give back to us for our annual membership fee.

Most recently **Bob Greenwald** (Board 2VP), **Joe Mitchneck** (Board Secretary) and I traveled to Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park for a regional USCJ *Thriving Congregation* seminar. This half day workshop focused on the attributes of thriving congregations and reinforced for us the importance of the visioning process we continue to be engaged in. It also gave us the opportunity to network and learn from other lay leaders in our region.

One of the outcomes from our visioning retreat was the recommendation that our Board of Trustees consider participating in ongoing leadership development. We recently became aware of a USCJ leadership development program titled *Sulam for Current Leaders* that appears to be a perfect fit for us. **Rabbi Kaplan, Bob Greenwald, Sheri Robzen, Rosemary Chromey** and I will travel to NYC in May to learn more about this program and its appropriateness for our board members.

Sulam for Presidents is a must for all of our incoming presidents. Bob Greenwald, who will be installed this June, attended *Sulam* this past March. This intense three day program is wonderful preparation for taking on the role of congregational President. As Bob mentioned in our last Chronicle, he found the experience exhilarating as did I when I attended.

As this first month of our lunar based calendar begins, my husband Shelly and I wish you all a joyous and meaningful Passover with family and friends.

My Best Regards,

Ina

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.



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Change Service Requested

May 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rosenn Lecture 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center 1	2	Hebrew School, 4:00 p.m. 3 Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Yom Hashoah Program at JCC, 4 7:00 p.m.	Hebrew School, 4:00 p.m. 5	6	Law Day Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. 7
8	9	Interfaith Tea at Temple B'nai B'rith, 1:00 p.m. 10 Hebrew School, 4:00 p.m.	Yom Hazikaron/Yom Haatzma'ut Program at JCC Dinner, 6:00 p.m. 11	Hebrew School closing day 12 4:00 p.m.	13	Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Seeherman, 10:00 a.m. 14
15	16	17	Jewish Home Luncheon at JCC, 18 12:30 p.m.	19	20	Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. 21 Bat Mitzvah of Noam Wasik – 5:15 p.m.
Groh Minyan Breakfast 9:00 a.m. 22 Flag Delivery – SAC, 11:00 a.m. Book Club at the home of Sally Connor, 7:00 p.m.	23	24	Sisterhood Closing Luncheon at the Woodlands, 12:30 p.m. 25	Executive Committee, 26 7:30 p.m.	27	Shabbat Services, Naming of Madalee Feigenblatt, 10:00 a.m. 28
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SAVE THE DATE
June 5, 2016 – Annual Dinner

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.

- DR. AND MRS. HAROLD BERSON FUND
- THE MURIEL BRAVMAN MEMORIAL FUND
- BUILDING FUND
- BIBLE FUND (\$10)
- CHAI CONTRIBUTIONS (\$18)
- SALLY & RALPH CONNOR HIDDUR MITZVAH FUND
- JOSEPH N. COPLAN PRAYER BOOK FUND
- CHARLOTTE & JOE CUTLER FUND
- FEED THE HOMELESS FUND
- FRIEDMAN INTERFAITH ENDOWMENT
- ROBERT FRIEDMAN LITURGICAL MUSIC FUND
- IRWIN H. GELB EDUCATIONAL FUND
- HAPPY DAY FUND
- ENID HERSHEY KIDDUSH CUP FUND
- HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK FUND (\$7.50)
- LAWRENCE HOLLANDER B'NAI MITZVAH PRAYER BOOK FUND
- MARION & JACOB ISAACS ENDOWMENT
- DORIS & SIDNEY KEISER KERUV FUND
- EMIL & NATALIE KELLNER HEBREW SCHOOL FUND
- ESTHER & NATHAN KLEIN PASSOVER ENDOWMENT

- RALPH & MURIEL KLEIN MEMORIAL FUND
- HANNAH & WILLIAM S. KLINE LIBRARY FUND
- CINDY & MATT KRUGER B'NAI MITZVOT CANDLESTICK FUND
- LANDAU PAVILION FUND
- JONAS & MILDRED LANG CHILDREN'S 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
- ALICE, DR. WILLIAM, I. MALCOLM AND STANLEY PEARLMAN ENDOWMENT
- CHARLES & ROSE POPKY 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)
- FRED & MARGOT SCHWAGER MEMORIAL FUND
- SHAFFER SHABBAT KIDDUSH FUND
- SHAFFER SUKKAH ENDOWMENT
- EVA & NATHAN SHAIMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
- SILBERMAN MEZUZZAH FUND
- SIMS ENDOWMENT
- MARK SLOMOWITZ MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
- HAROLD & VELMA SMITH HEBREW SCHOOL FUND
- THE DAVID & LILLIAN THALENFELD JEWISH ENRICHMENT ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENTS
- MAX & TILLIE UNGAR FAMILY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
- USY/KADIMA FUND
- MORRIS VILENSKY MEMORIAL FUND