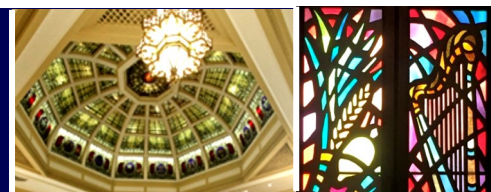


TEMPLE ISRAEL of Scranton



Mar/Apr 2019– Adar-1 Adar 11-Nisan 5779



Happy Purim!

What: Purim is a one-day Jewish holiday. It celebrates Jewish deliverance from the plot of Haman the Agagite to massacre all the Jews living in the Persian kingdom.

Where: The story of Purim is found in Megillat Esther.

When: Purim occurs on the 14th of Adar

Why: Purim is a story of intrigue in the time of the Persian Empire. Mordecai the Jew refuses to bow down to the King's second-in-command Haman, so Haman declares that all Jews will be massacred on the 14th of Adar (this date was chosen based on the choosing of lots, purim in Hebrew, from which the holiday derives its name. Queen Esther reveals her Jewish identity to the King at a small party with just the two of them and Haman present. The King decides to overturn Haman's decree and change the day of a proposed massacre into a day for the Jews to seek revenge against their oppressors, changing the 14th of Adar from a day of sadness and mourning to a day of joyous celebrations for the Jews.

How: There are four commandments to be fulfilled on Purim.

1. Reading the Megillah - (March 20th at 7:00 pm)
2. Giving Charity (Matanot Laevyonim): On Purim, Jews are required to give gifts to the poor in order to commemorate the charity God gave the Jews by overturning Haman's evil decree. The requirement is to give at least one gift to two different needy people, at least two gifts in total.
3. The Festive Meal (Seuda): In the afternoon of Purim we are instructed to partake in a festive meal. This feast is commemorative of the feast Esther had with the King and Haman where she asked the King to save the Jews.
4. Sending Gifts to One Another (Mishloach Manot). The commandment is to send one gift of two portions of ready-made food to another. This commandment is commemorative of the brotherly love that awoke amongst the Jews after the story of Purim occurred.



Happy Pesach!

What: The Search for Hametz

Where: Every part of every room of the house where hametz may possibly be found must be searched using this process. Rooms where hametz is not normally brought (such as a bathroom) need not be searched.

How: The first mishna in the Talmud tractate Pesachim requires that the search for leavened products, bedikat hametz should be performed by candlelight. The lights around the house are turned off, and a candle is lit. A blessing is recited. To prevent the possibility of making a blessing in vain, a bracha levatala, which might occur if there was no chance of finding hametz in the house. To keep children interested and involved, there is a widespread custom to "seed" the area to be searched. Pieces (usually 10 because of kabbalistic overtones) of hametz are hidden around the house, preferably by a child if available. These pieces must be small and should be wrapped so that crumbs do not escape. Traditionally, a feather and a wooden spoon are used, and whenever a piece of hametz is found the feather is used to sweep the piece of hametz into the wooden spoon, which is then used to place it in a bag. It is best to use a candle to illuminate the areas; however, it is perfectly acceptable to use a flashlight or other light source.

May this Passover be especially sweet and joyful. May each and every one experience the fullness of joy and delight that surrounds the celebration of the birth of the people and nation of Israel. May the lessons of Passover be learned, absorbed, and taught with devotion to our ancestors and with a freshness and vigor that will assure the ongoing, ever-constant renewal of our traditions. Temple Israel wishes you a hag kasher v'sameakh, a kosher and joyous holiday.

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FROM OUR RABBI

One of the most important tasks of the ancient Temple service was performed by the *Kohen* – a descendant from the family of Aaron (the brother of Moses). Together with the *Levi* (who assisted), the many rituals of our Torah concerning animal sacrifice and the like was presided over by the *Kohen*.

What about today, since there is no longer a Temple or animal sacrifice? We still honor both the *Kohen* and the *Levi* by giving them the first and second (respectively) *Aliyot* over the Torah when it is read. In addition, when the Blessing of the *Kohanim* ("Duchanin") is done, it is performed by the *Kohanim* in the congregation. Both of these practices have to do with the honor of the *Kohen*.

Another matter is the law concerning a *Kohen* in proximity to a corpse. In ancient times, when the *Kohen* performed the ritual of animal sacrifice, it was imperative that he maintained a state of ritual purity, and so he was not allowed to be involved in or in any way near the deceased, which would have made the *Kohen* ritually impure, and thus unfit for his primary role in the Temple.

Today, the Law Committee of our Conservative Movement has decreed that since there is no practical function for *Kohanim* today (i.e., there is no longer animal sacrifice), and since there is a great Mitzvah to honor the dead by being involved in their funeral and burial, we strongly encourage *Kohanim* to take part in the rituals. There is no longer any practical prohibition on a *Kohen* being in proximity to a corpse.

This is a prime example of the Conservative Movement responding to Modernity with *Halacha* – Jewish Law.

Rabbi Moshe Saks

Sale of Hametz Contract

To fulfill the mitzvah of mekhirat hametz, I (We) appoint Rabbi Moshe Saks as my (our) agent to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be: at home, place of business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law. I (We) also sell my (our) pet(s) with the understanding that it is still my (our) responsibility to care for said pet(s), using any appropriate food, until the new owner physically takes possession. It is understood that this hametz will not be my (our) property from **11:30 a.m., Monday, April 10, 2017, through 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2017**, and that I (we) will derive no use or benefit from it. This authorization is in accordance to the Document of Authorization to which this statement is to be appended. Last day to sell the chametz is Monday before the 7:00 am service

Signature

Printed Name

Full Address:

A donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund should accompany the Contract.



Passover 2019

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2. Call the office 570-342-0350 and we'll fill out the form for you.
If you forget to send a check we'll remind you.

3. E-mail office@templeisraelscranton.org with your selections.

Total amount enclosed is: \$ _____

Please sign the leagram as follows:

Birthdays	Date		
Laurel Glassman	3/2	Larry Mandel	4/19
David Kessler	3/2	Joel Joseph	4/21
Joyce Douglass	3/5	Aaron Nivert	4/22
Nina Silverman	3/10	Susan Jacobson	4/24
Jennifer Gell	3/11	Mark Silverberg	4/24
Patricia Weiner	3/11	Sam Basch	4/28
Ruth Hollander	3/13	Harlene Arenberg	4/30
Paula Demerer	3/15	Mitzie Levy	5/2
Samuel Green	3/16	Victoria Geyfman	5/9
Michele Smertz	3/18	Mitchell Cohen	5/11
Donald Bernstein	3/28	Rosalind Marks	5/11
Jeremy Sohn	3/28	Leslie Lynn Pearl	5/11
Stanley Goldberg	3/30	Paula Wasser	5/15
Gail Myers	3/30	Jay Demerer	5/17
		Edwin Brandes	5/20
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David Fallk	4/17	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Nogi	5/30
Ludmila Aronzon	4/18		

TI Happenings



Join the Men of Temple Israel

Sunday, March 17th @10:00 am (Minyan @ 9:30 am)

The men were so successful making latkes, we've asked them to help make Hamentashen for Purim! If you would like to release your inner pastry chef (with a little help from our women) call the office and let us know.

We'll save an apron for you!

Torah Tots and Hebrew School

While Dad is in the kitchen the kids can take part in a Purim themed craft and lesson led by Annie Monsky.

Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 20th @ 7:00 pm
After the reading we get to sample the delicious hamentashen made by the men of TI!

Sunday Brunch & Learn

Sunday, April 7th @ 10 AM

*The Changing Family Dynamic:
Embracing the Diversity in Our Families*

Please RSVP by April 3rd

SAVE the DATE

Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 26, 2019

We're bringing it back!

Your presence is requested and most definitely expected!
More information to come.

Transportation is available for our congregants who would like to attend services, meetings and all Temple sponsored events & educational programs. Please call the office for more information 570-342-0350.

Funded by the Al Brauner Fund.

March 2019

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
24		25		26		27		28		1	24 Adar I	2	25 Adar I
3	26 Adar I	4	27 Adar I	5	28 Adar I	6	29 Adar I	7	30 Adar I	8	1 Adar II	9	2 Adar II
								Rosh Chodesh Adar II		Rosh Chodesh Adar II		Junior congregation Simchat Shabbat	Shabbat Shekalim <i>Vayakhel</i>
10	3 Adar II	11	4 Adar II	12	5 Adar II	13	6 Adar II	14	7 Adar II	15	8 Adar II	16	9 Adar II
													Shabbat ends 6:47p
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17	10 Adar II	18	11 Adar II	19	12 Adar II	20	13 Adar II	21	14 Adar II	22	15 Adar II	23	16 Adar II
	Family Program Hamentashen Baking 10:00 AM												Shabbat ends 7:55p
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24	17 Adar II	25	18 Adar II	26	19 Adar II	27	20 Adar II	28	21 Adar II	29	22 Adar II	30	23 Adar II
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31	24 Adar II	1		Notes									
Service Times													
Unless otherwise indicated: Shacharit - Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:15 am Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00 am													

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	125 Adar II	226 Adar II	327 Adar II	428 Adar II	529 Adar II	61 Nisan
					CL 7:14 pm	<i>Tazria</i> Shabbat Hachodesh Rosh Chodesh Shabbat ends 8:18
72 Nisan	83 Nisan	94 Nisan	105 Nisan	116 Nisan	127 Nisan	138 Nisan
					CL 7:21pm	New Member Shabbat <i>Metzora</i> Shabbat Hagadol Shabbat ends 8:26
149 Nisan	1510 Nisan	1611 Nisan	1712 Nisan	1813 Nisan	1914 Nisan	2015 Nisan
				Search for Chametz	Shacharit 7:00 am Fast of the Firstborn First Seder CL 7:29 pm	1st day of Pesach CL 8:33 pm
2116 Nisan	2217 Nisan	2318 Nisan	2419 Nisan	2520 Nisan	2621 Nisan	2722 Nisan
Services 9:30 am	Shacharit 7:00 am	Shacharit 7:00 am	Shacharit 7:00 am	No Hebrew School Shacharit 7:00 am	Services 9:30 am	<i>Yizkor</i> <i>Passover</i> Shabbat ends 8:41
2nd Day of Pesach Holiday ends 8:34 pm	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day CL 7:36 pm	Kabbalt Shabbat & Yizkor 5:45 pm CL 7:37pm	
2823 Nisan	2924 Nisan	3025 Nisan	1	2	3	429 Nisan
						Sisterhood Shabbat
5	6	Notes				

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Welcome Sammy Seid March 15th-17th

Born and raised in Orange County, CA, Sammy Seid brings his *Torat Chesed* ("A Torah of Loving Kindness") into all aspects of communal and personal engagement from prayer leadership and teaching, to social programming and relationship building. After earning a BA in History at UC Santa Cruz, and a Preliminary Teaching Credential at Cal State Fullerton, Sammy enrolled in the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies where he has been blessed to learn from some of the finest teachers and rabbis. He will receive his M.A. in Rabbinic Studies and Rabbinic Ordination in May 2019 from the Ziegler School, where he has also served as the Admissions Coordinator since 2017, helping to usher in the next cohorts of our people's future rabbis.

As the rabbinic intern at Temple Beth El of South Orange County since 2017, Sammy enjoys many opportunities to engage community members of all ages. Sammy oversees the family learning programming of the religious school, leads the community in dynamic prayer experiences, serves as the youth director for the teen youth group, leads the monthly Tot Shabbat prayer service and other children's holiday services, and teaches adult education classes. Through all of these touch points, Sammy passionately strives to meet members of the community where they are and engage them more deeply in their Judaism.

Sammy and his wife, Heather Seid, a Cantorial Student at the Academy for Jewish Religion, along with their (almost) two-year-old daughter Winnie, are excited to get to know the community of Temple Israel of Scranton and its members. We look forward to meeting you!

March 15th - Friday evening services at 5:45. Led by Cantor Aronzon with a D'var Torah by Sammy.

March 16th - Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 am with Sammy leading prayer. Kiddush luncheon to follow sponsored in part by the graciousness of Ruth Gelb in honor of the *Yahrtzeit* of much loved, Sam Rosen.

March 16th - Saturday evening we meet at Temple in the Goodman Chapel for Havdalah, *Maariv* and a chance to meet and greet on an informal basis.

March 17th - Sunday morning finds Sammy in the kitchen baking with the men of Temple. Hamantaschen is on the menu and we supply the aprons!

A message from Annie Monsky:

During my Torah Tots classes my students first home assignment was to take a form I had developed and sit with a parent to fill it out. Here are the first basic questions:

My Name: My English Birthday: My Hebrew Name: My Hebrew Birthday :

Tell Me about the person for whom you are named:

Why do I tell you this?

In the past 4 months I have lost two much loved family members.

During the throes of arrangements, I was called upon to help with identifying their Hebrew names. Research into Temple records did not bring answers and attempts to match a name with some Hebrew/ English logic were not especially fruitful. Creative investigation was not much better; even to the point of questioning long ago Hebrew School friends (we were called by our Hebrew names in class).

To this end, not only am I going to alter my "About Me Form" to include parents and grandparents Hebrew names, but I urge all of you, whether you are thirty or ninety, man or woman, to share your name and your legacy with your family members. It is a wonderful tradition to honor our loved ones by naming family members in their honor. It is a stressful time when these honors can't be recognized in times of joy and sadness.

Sincerely,

Chana Kunsu (Ann Clare) after my paternal grandmother Anna Kaufman Lebowitz; a mother of 7, baked bread every day, always room at her table for any one friend, family or stranger. Died at age 50. Rests in Dalton Cemetery.

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A Special Todah Rabah

Due to the generosity of Scranton native, H. Irwin Levy, we are thrilled to be able to refurbish Levy Hall which was dedicated in 1975 in memory of the Levy Family parents Jacob and Mary Levy. We are appreciative and grateful to the Levy family for their continued support for maintaining Levy Hall which is the focus of so many of our daily and special events. A warm, welcoming and fresh new look will add to the special tradition of our synagogue as we move forward to 100 years of Temple Israel life. Thank you to Faye Bishop, Iris Liebman and Robby Pollack for their time spear-heading the project.

Thank you to Howard Kaufman and Sandra Kaufman who have so generously contributed to this project in memory of their beloved parents by establishing the Irving and Francis Kaufman Fund. Irv and Fran were a constant presence in the community and at Temple Israel. We are most grateful that their children have chosen to honor their memory such a meaningful way.

Thank you to Lewis Sare for his continued support of Temple Israel. Lewis' generosity throughout the years as well as his establishment of the Building Preservation Fund has helped us replace our boiler, repair the Monroe Avenue entrance, repair plaster walls in the balcony and in the back stairwell. The Preservation Fund helps fund well as many other small but important repairs throughout the year.

Thank you to Dr. Steven Vale & Dr. Jennifer Gell for their generous donation to refurbish the cloak room. New ceiling, lighting, carpeting, and paint will rejuvenate yet another space. We are sincerely grateful for their generosity.

Thank you to Temple Israel Sisterhood for the beautiful renovation of the ladies bathroom as well as the new air conditioning/heat in the kitchen. Their support is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to having you, our congregants, join these generous friends in honoring or memorializing your loved ones by adding a leaf to the Tree of Life. Each leaf costs \$180.00. Your donation will help defer the cost and help us continue to update, repair, renovate and rejuvenate our beautiful synagogue. It truly is our obligation to care for the synagogue as those before us have done. Some small and large repairs and refurbishing are needed throughout the Temple such as: painting Justan Lounge, painting Gibson Street stairwell, painting and carpet for the office, repair and replace some lighting in Goodman Chapel and the list goes on...

In 2021 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our congregation,
with your help Temple Israel will continue to shine.

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