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HEROES & VILLAINS

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WHO IS ESTHER?

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**MORDECHAI...
THE MAN WHO
UNCOVERED
THE PLOT**



**GIRL POWER
BY RABBI ZOË KLEIN**

WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF SUPERHEROES IN JUDAISM! LONG BEFORE TWO JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, JOE SHUSTER AND JERRY SIEGEL, CREATED SUPERMAN IN 1933...LONG BEFORE JACOB KURTZBERG AND HYMIE SIMON CREATED CAPTAIN AMERICA IN 1940... LONG BEFORE STANLEY MARTIN LIEBER (STAN LEE) CREATED THE HULK, X-MEN AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR IN THE 1950'S AND SPIDER-MAN IN 1962...THERE WAS

**QUEEN ESTHER, DEFENDER
OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE!**

**QUEEN ESTHER WAS
MYSTERIOUSLY
ORPHANED AS A YOUNG
CHILD AND RAISED BY
HER UNCLE MORDECHAI.**

**HAMAN...
THE HANGMAN
AND THE
JEWS' MORTAL
ENEMY**

**ONE DAY WHEN SHE
WAS PLAYING WITH
FRIENDS IN THE
PARK, A RADIOACTIVE
LADYBUG LANDED ON
HER ARM, AND SHE
WAS TRANSFORMED
FROM AN ORDINARY
LITTLE GIRL INTO A
SUPER SOLDIER!**

NO ONE KNEW HER SECRET POWER WHEN SHE WAS TRAFFICKED ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER MAIDENS OF THE KINGDOM TO THE HAREM. SHE BIDED HER TIME, ACQUIRING AN ENTOURAGE OF FRIENDS. EUNUCHS AND DICTATORS ATE FROM HER HAND. SHE CAREFULLY GAINED THE TRUST OF ALL. WHEN QUEEN ESTHER FINALLY BATTLED AGAINST THE VILLAINOUS HAMAN, SHE DEFLECTED HIS VENOM WITH HER STAR OF DAVID SHIELD, AND DEFEATED HIM AT LAST WITH SUPER STRENGTH AND MIND CONTROL.

**ESTHER...
THE GIRL WHO
CHANGED THE
RULES**

THEN SHE PICKED UP HER MAGIC QUILL AND WROTE HER SCROLL.

**IT IS KNOWN THAT THE NAME
"ESTHER" IN HEBREW MEANS
"HIDDEN ONE,"**

AND CENTURIES LATER WE CRY OUT TO HER: REVEAL YOURSELF, O HIDDEN ONE! RETURN AND SAVE US ONCE AGAIN! FOR THE WORLD IS OVERRUN WITH VILLAINS, PEOPLES ARE FLEEING THEIR COUNTRIES, THERE ARE CAPTURED MAIDENS, AND BOILING BRUTALITY. HAMAN IS GONE BUT HIS LEGIONS LIVE! BOO TO THE HAMANS OF HATE! BOO TO THE DESTRUCTORS AND DESTROYERS! LET THE SPIRIT OF QUEEN ESTHER, DEFENDER OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, ARISE IN EACH OF US, DELIVERING TO US THE SUPER STRENGTH WE NEED TO BRING ABOUT THE NEW AGE OF PEACE!



HIS NAME WAS MORDECHAI

BY RABBI JOEL NICKERSON

WE SAY L'CHAYIM (TO LIFE!)

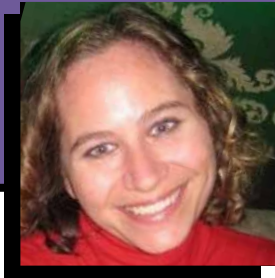
MORDECHAI BEGAN TO RECOGNIZE HIS SUPER POWER AS A YOUNG BOY. HE WOULD BE PLAYING IN THE FIELDS WITH HIS FRIENDS AND AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, THERE WAS ALWAYS ONE LITTLE BOY WHO WOULD END UP CRYING IN THE CORNER BECAUSE HE WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE GAME OR HAD BEEN TEASED BY SOMEONE ELSE. AS SOON AS MORDECHAI WENT OVER TO THAT CHILD, REACHED OUT, TOUCHED HIM ON THE SHOULDER, AND ASKED, "ARE YOU OKAY?" THE BOY WOULD INSTANTLY STOP CRYING, GET A SMILE ON HIS FACE, AND RETURN TO THE GAME WITH UNENDING ENERGY. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE DAY HE HAD TO SEND HIS ADOPTED DAUGHTER, ESTHER, OFF TO THE PALACE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE FULL EXTENT OF HIS ABILITIES.

AS HE PUT HIS HAND ON HER SHOULDER AND TOLD HER TO BE STRONG AND TRUE TO HERSELF, HE RECOGNIZED A TWINKLE IN HER EYE THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE. HE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD WHY HIS NAME INCLUDED THE WORD 'CHAI.'

HE HAD THE POWER TO BRING LIFE BACK INTO PEOPLES' LIVES, TO LIGHT THEM UP WITH ENERGY AND OPTIMISM, TO ALLOW THEM TO SEE POSSIBILITIES INSTEAD OF STUMBLING BLOCKS.

THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF ESTHER'S JOURNEY, SHE RELIED ON MORDECHAI'S POWER TO GIVE HER THE STRENGTH SHE NEEDED TO OVERTHROW THE VILLAINOUS HAMAN AND SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

WHILE ESTHER'S SUPERPOWER TOOK CENTER STAGE, IT WAS MORDECHAI'S SUPERPOWER THAT SERVED AS THE FOUNDATION FOR HER SUCCESS. AND SO IT IS THAT WE TAP INTO MORDECHAI'S POWER EVERY TIME WE GATHER TOGETHER AS FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SAY L'CHAYIM (TO LIFE!); EVERY TIME WE BRING OUR ENERGY AND OPTIMISM TO A SITUATION; AND EACH TIME WE COMFORT THOSE IN NEED. MORDECHAI'S POWER LIVES WITHIN EACH ONE OF US!



EVIL IS AS EVIL DOES

BY TARA BERGER

FACT OR FICTION, GENOCIDE IS VERY REAL

COMIC BOOKS OFTEN PARALLEL REAL LIFE. IN THE 1930'S TWO YOUNG JEWS (WRITER JERRY SIEGEL AND ARTIST JOE SHUSTER) NEEDED TO MENTALLY ESCAPE THE ATROCITIES AND THE ANTI-SEMITISM SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE CREATION OF THE SUPERHERO (ÜBERMENSCH) TO BATTLE THE EVIL FORCES (HILTER) IS HOW THIS MODERN COMIC BOOK GENRE BEGAN. TODAY, HARRY POTTER, DIVERGENT, HUNGER GAMES, STAR WARS AND X-MEN ARE WAYS AUTHORS ARE RETELLING THE SAME OLD STORY. GENOCIDE, THE ATTEMPT TO SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROY AND CONQUER OTHER BEINGS BY KILLING MEMBERS OF A GROUP; CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY OR MENTAL HARM TO MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP; DELIBERATELY INFLECTING ON THE GROUP CONDITIONS OF LIFE CALCULATED TO BRING ABOUT ITS PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART; AND OR IMPOSING MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT BIRTHS WITHIN THE GROUP OR FORCIBLY TRANSFERRING CHILDREN OF THE GROUP TO ANOTHER.

THIS IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR. FROM THE MOMENT WE OFFICIALLY BECAME THE HEBREW NATION WE WERE SET ON A COURSE OF "LIVE OR DIE TRYING." HOW MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE BEEN PERSECUTED? AND HOW MANY TIMES IN HISTORY HAVE WE OVERCOME? WE HAVE NOT BEEN DESTROYED.

PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE REQUIRES A STRUCTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENOCIDAL PROCESS. ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE, GENOCIDE HAS EIGHT STAGES OR OPERATIONAL PROCESSES. WE AS A PEOPLE HAVE LIVED THROUGH ALL EIGHT STAGES:

CLASSIFICATION, SYMBOLIZATION, DEHUMANIZATION, ORGANIZATION, POLARIZATION, PREPARATION, EXTERMINATION, AND DENIAL.

WE AS A PEOPLE HAVE OVERCOME THE ATROCITIES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UPON US COUNTLESS TIMES. WE AS A PEOPLE HAVE CONTINUALLY DISARMED THE HAMANS OF THIS WORLD, THOUGH NOT WITHOUT CHALLENGES. IT TAKES STRENGTH, IT TAKES COMMITMENT, AND IT TAKES COURAGE TO STAND UP AND SAY "THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!" LET'S ALL STAND UP TO THE MODERN HAMANS AND BE THE AVENGERS, TRIS PRIOR, LUKE SKYWALKER, KATNISS EVERDEEN, AND THE HARRY POTTERS OF OUR TIME.



THE STORY OF PURIM PORTRAYS ESTHER AS AN EMPOWERED WOMAN WHO USES HER SKILLS TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

FROM SLAVE TO QUEEN

BY CANTOR TIFANI COYOT

HOWEVER, THIS VERSION OF ESTHER IS ONE THAT EMERGES TOWARDS THE END OF THE STORY. THE BEGINNING OF THE MEGILLAH DEPICTS ESTHER AS A POWERLESS VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, WHO IS ROUNDED UP AND COERCED TO SERVE THE KING.



IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOOK OF ESTHER WE READ;

THE KING'S SERVANTS WHO ATTENDED HIM SAID, "LET BEAUTIFUL YOUNG VIRGINS BE SOUGHT OUT FOR YOUR MAJESTY LET YOUR MAJESTY APPOINT OFFICERS IN EVERY PROVINCE OF YOUR REALM TO ASSEMBLE ALL THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG VIRGINS AT THE FORTRESS SHUSHAN, IN THE HAREM...AND LET THE MAIDEN WHO PLEASES YOUR MAJESTY BE QUEEN INSTEAD OF VASHTI..." ESTHER TOO WAS TAKEN INTO THE KING'S PALACE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HEGAI, GUARDIAN OF THE WOMEN.

THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WORKING TO GRANT THE NECESSARY HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL PEOPLE.

IT IS INSPIRING TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ESTHER'S CHARACTER FROM "HELPLESS VICTIM" TO "CONFIDENT ADVOCATE."

COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING'S (CAST) MISSION IS TO ASSIST PERSONS TRAFFICKED AND TO WORK TOWARD ENDING ALL INSTANCES OF SUCH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THROUGH ADVOCACY, COALITION BUILDING, AND OUTREACH, THE ORGANIZATION EMPOWERS SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING TO FULLY REALIZE THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL WHILE ADVANCING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL TRAFFICKED SURVIVORS.

BY THE END OF THE STORY SHE IS ABLE TO MAKE HER VOICE HEARD AND HELP HER COMMUNITY.

TEMPLE ISAIAH IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PARTNERING WITH CAST TO HELP EMPOWER THE SURVIVORS AND TO PROMOTE AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEN WE TEACH ESTHER'S STORY WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE THAT HER ABILITY TO ESCAPE SLAVERY AND SAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE IS VERY RARE IN TODAY'S WORLD. ACROSS OUR PLANET, SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXIST IN FULL FORCE. IT IS DEVASTATING THAT IN OUR HOME CITY OF LOS ANGELES THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING AS SLAVES. MOST WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND MEN WHO ARE ENSLAVED ARE NEVER GIVEN THE CHANCE OR THE TOOLS TO ESCAPE SLAVERY OR TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST IT.

THIS TIME OF YEAR WE CELEBRATE OUR HEROINE, ESTHER AND HER ABILITY TO NOT ONLY ESCAPE THE HAREM BUT TO EMERGE CONFIDENT AND AS AN ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS. THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CAST WE ARE PROVIDING THE MOMENTUM FOR THESE SURVIVORS TO PLANT THE "SEEDS OF RENEWAL" THAT WILL GIVE THEM THE FREEDOM TO GROW IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR POTENTIAL AND DREAMS

TO JOIN THE CAST/ISAIAH PARTNERSHIP AND "CAST OUT SLAVERY" PLEASE EMAIL CANTORCOYOT@TEMPLEISAIAH.COM FOR INFORMATION ON CAST VISIT [HTTP://WWW.CASTLA.ORG/](http://WWW.CASTLA.ORG/)

"THE POWER OF PURIM, PAST AND PRESENT"

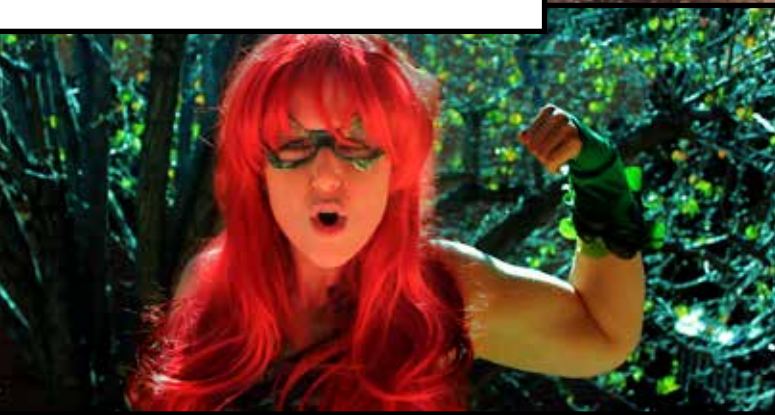
WE WILL TAKE YOU ON A JOURNEY ALL THE WAY FROM ANCIENT JERUSALEM TO MODERN DAY SHUSHANOPOLIS WHERE OUR CHARACTERS HAVE TAKEN THE FORM OF MODERN HEROES AND VILLAINS.



CATWOMAN AS VASHTI



IRON MAN AS KING AHASUERUS



POISON IVY AS HAMAN



SUPERGIRL AS ESTHER & WOLVERINE AS MORDECHAI



WONDER WOMAN AS THE KING'S ADVISOR



RIDDLER AND TWO-FACE AS THE KING'S GUARDS

PURIM FESTIVAL AND POWER OF PURIM PREVIEW
SUNDAY, MARCH 13

2016
PURIM
EVENTS

TEMPLE ISAIAH
PURIM FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 13th • 11:00am-3:00pm

CARNIVAL RIDES & GAMES • GO KARTS • FOOD TRUCKS • BAKE SALE
ARTS & CRAFTS • MUSIC • PRIZE ROOM • ECO STATION ZOO • PURIM STORYTELLING

Wristbands sold on-site: \$50 includes unlimited Rides and Games!
Tickets also available on-site. *Arts & Crafts and food not included

10345 West Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064

SHABBAT AT THE APOLLO REPRISE - FRIDAY, MARCH 18

PURIM SHABBAT AT THE APOLLO

THE POWER OF PURIM - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23



THE POWER OF PURIM
PAST & PRESENT

5:30 P.M. - DINNER (SIGN UP AT WWW.TEMPLEISAIAH.COM)
(ADULTS \$18, CHILDREN 3-14 \$8, CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE)
6:45 P.M. - PERFORMANCE (FREE)
7:45 P.M. - AFTER PARTY (FREE)

COME IN COSTUME FOR THE
FESTIVAL AND THE PERFORMANCE
ALL SUPERHEROES WELCOME!



POPE FRANCIS - A HERO OF OUR TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
HONEY AMADO

IN JANUARY, I WAS INVITED BY DR. CHARLES SMALL, FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM AND POLICY (ISSAP) TO COME TO ROME FOR POPE FRANCIS'S FIRST VISIT TO THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE OF ROME. I WAS VERY EXCITED - AS WAS EVERYONE I TOLD - NOT BECAUSE I WAS MEETING **A** POPE, BUT BECAUSE I WAS MEETING **THIS** POPE. POPE FRANCIS - THEY CALLED HIM PAPA FRANCESCO - IS APPRECIATED AS A WORLD LEADER, NOT SIMPLY THE LEADER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

I WAS INITIALLY TOLD THAT EACH OF US IN OUR SMALL DELEGATION WOULD BE GIVEN A FEW MINUTES ALONE WITH THE POPE, BUT THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE. STILL, IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT MEETING, I HAD ASKED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING MY FATHER, RABBIS, SCHOLARS, DIPLOMATS, CONGREGANTS, AND FRIENDS, WHAT THEY WOULD SAY TO THE POPE. MY FATHER POIGNANTLY SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE MOVEMENT TOWARD COOPERATION BETWEEN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIRED FOR SO LONG. MANY SPOKE OF POPE FRANCIS'S HUMANITY. TAL BECKER (OF THE HARTMAN INSTITUTE) SPOKE OF THE POPE'S HUMILITY OF FAITH, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THAT OTHER FAITHS HAVE A VALID UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND EQUAL ACCESS TO GOD. MY FRIEND, RABBI DANIEL BOUSKILA (OF THE SEPHARDIC EDUCATIONAL CENTER), WANTED TO ASK THAT THE POPE CALL A SUMMIT OF LEADERS OF THE MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS TO EXPLORE HOW RELIGIOUS COOPERATION CAN IMPROVE OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY, TO BRING AN END TO VIOLENCE AND DEPRIVATIONS.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 17, 2016, THE PONTIFF ENTERED THE MAGNIFICENT SANCTUARY OF THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE, WALKING SLOWLY TO THE **BIMA**, GREETING PEOPLE AS HE WENT. HE GREETED THE ENTIRE ROW OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, SPEAKING TO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY, KISSING SEVERAL OF THEM. THEN HE CAME IN FRONT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND ME, GREETING US. I SHOOK HIS HAND AND SAID, "IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, YOUR HOLINESS. YOU ARE SO WELL RESPECTED AND DESERVING OF RESPECT BY SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD." HE PAUSED WHEN I SPOKE TO HIM, HIS HEAD TILTED A BIT AS HE WAS LISTENING, HIS EYES FOCUSED ON ME, AND THEN HE NODDED. IT WAS TRULY AN EXCITING MOMENT. I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH HIM, AND I HAD MORE TO SAY, BUT EVEN THOSE FEW WORDS WERE SATISFYING.

AMAZINGLY, THE POPE'S SPEECH REFLECTED VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MAJOR THEMES THAT PEOPLE HAD BROUGHT TO ME AND THAT I HAD BEEN PREPARED TO ADDRESS IN THE PRIVATE MEETING. IN BROAD STROKES, HE BEGAN BY SAYING, "**TODAH RABAH,**" THANKING US FOR THE WARM WELCOME. HE SPOKE OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY BEING VERY CLOSE TO HIS HEART, RECALLING HIS VISITS TO THE SYNAGOGUE IN BUENOS AIRES. HE SPOKE OF CHRISTIANITY'S ROOTS IN JUDAISM AND US BEING "UNITED BY THE SAME GOD," SAYING THAT FOR CHRISTIANS TO UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES, THEY MUST REFER TO THEIR JEWISH ROOTS. CALLING US "**ELDER BROTHERS,**" HE SAID THAT THE CHURCH MUST RECOGNIZE "**THE IRREVOCABILITY OF THE COVENANT AND GOD'S CONSTANT AND FAITHFUL LOVE FOR ISRAEL.**"

HE REFERENCED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL'S DECLARATION, *NOSTRA AETATE*, WHICH "MADE POSSIBLE THE SYSTEMATIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND JUDAISM," SAYING THAT "[I]NDIFFERENCE AND OPPOSITION HAVE CHANGED INTO COOPERATION AND BENEVOLENCE. FROM ENEMIES AND STRANGERS WE HAVE BECOME FRIENDS AND BROTHERS." HE SAID THAT EVERY FORM OF ANTI-SEMITISM MUST BE REJECTED. SPEAKING OF THE HOLOCAUST, HE TURNED TO THE SURVIVORS AND SAID: "[T]HEIR SUFFERING, THEIR FEAR, THEIR TEARS MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. AND THE PAST MUST SERVE AS A LESSON FOR THE PRESENT AND FOR THE FUTURE. THE HOLOCAUST TEACHES US THAT UTMOST VIGILANCE IS ALWAYS NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND PEACE." AND THEN HE CALLED FOR CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TO WORK TOGETHER ON THE MANY CHALLENGES FACING OUR WORLD, INCLUDING ECOLOGICAL ISSUES AND VIOLENCE.



CARDINALS AND CANTORS



POPE GREETING SISTER SURVIVORS

HE SAID "WE MUST OFFER HUMANITY THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE REGARDING THE CARE OF CREATION. CONFLICTS, WARS, VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICES OPEN DEEP WOUNDS IN HUMANITY AND CALL US TO STRENGTHEN A COMMITMENT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE. VIOLENCE BY MAN AGAINST MAN IS IN CONTRADICTION WITH ANY RELIGION WORTHY OF THAT NAME, AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE THREE GREAT MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS."

HE CLOSED WITH THE PRIESTLY BENEDICTION FROM THE TORAH, SAYING LAST, "SHALOM ALEICHEM!"

"SHALOM ALEICHEM" WERE THE WORDS SLUNG BY THE CHOIR AS POPE FRANCIS HAD ENTERED THE SANCTUARY. "PEACE BE UNTO YOU." WE HAVE WAITED A LONG TIME TO HEAR AND TO SAY THESE WORDS. THE POPE HAD COME TO OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP, WHERE WE MET AS EQUALS, NOT AS SUPPLICANTS. AND I FELT BLESSED AND ENRICHED TO BE THERE.

SOON WE WILL CELEBRATE PASSOVER TO RECALL OUR FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY. SHORTLY AFTER THE EXODUS, WE RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS TOLD IN THE *PARASHAH* "YITRO," NAMED FOR MOSES'S NON-ISRAELITE FATHER-IN-LAW. IT HAS ALWAYS MOVED ME THAT OUR GREAT MOMENT OF REVELATION IS TOLD IN A *PARASHAH* THAT HONORS A NON-JEW. FOR ME, IT UNDERSCORES THE LESSON OF SHIMON BEN ZOMA, "WHO IS WISE? HE WHO CAN LEARN FROM ANYONE." (PIRKE AVOT 4:1.) WE WOULD BE WISE TO LEARN FROM POPE FRANCIS, WHO IN HIS HUMANITY AND HUMILITY, HUMILITY IS A *MODERN HERO*.



PASSOVER HEROES & VILLAINS

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*YOU FREED US FROM SLAVERY, HELPED
US SURVIVE THE DESERT AND LED US TO
A PLACE CALLED HOME...NOW WHAT?*

OUR JEWISH TRIAD... WHY THEY ARE HEROES TO OUR PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, BACK IN EGYPT, THE TREMENDOUS TRIO OF MOSES, MIRIAM AND AARON KNOWN AS ISRAEL'S ANGELS, WERE MOBILIZING THE PEOPLE TO ESCAPE THE CLUTCHES OF PHARAOH AND HIS TASKMASTER MINIONS.

EVERYONE IS WONDERING, WHO EXACTLY ARE ISRAEL'S ANGELS? OUR TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MIGHTY TRIO.

WHO IS MIRIAM?



AVERAGE ISRAELITE: "I'VE SEEN HER! SHE HAS OLIVE SKIN AND WILD HAIR AND SHE PLAYS THE TIMBREL! WHEN SHE SINGS AND PLAYS A RHYTHM, ALL THE WOMEN GET UP AND FOLLOW HER!"

AMRAN: "I AM THE FATHER OF MOSES, MIRIAM AND AARON, THE ANGELS. WHEN PHARAOH COMMANDED THAT ALL ISRAELITE BABY BOYS SHOULD BE THROWN INTO THE NILE, WE ALL DECIDED THAT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE BABIES ANYMORE AT ALL. BUT MIRIAM STOOD UP AND TOLD US, 'NO! THEN YOU WOULD BE WORSE THAN PHARAOH BECAUSE YOU WOULD BE CONDEMNING ALL THE GIRLS ALONG WITH THE BOYS!'"

GOD: "MIRIAM IS A POWERFUL PROPHETESS. HER ONLY WEAKNESS IS GOSSIP. WHEN SHE TALKS ABOUT HER BROTHER IT MAKES HER SICK. BUT MOSES IS ABLE TO HEAL HER WITH AN INCANTATION OF FIVE SIMPLE WORDS, PLEASE HEAL HER, O GOD. "

WHO IS AARON?



AVERAGE ISRAELITE: "HE'S GOT A GREAT BEARD! HIS BROTHER WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAD THE PEOPLE WITHOUT HIM. HE IS A PERFECT FIRST MATE!"

ROYAL MAGICIAN: "WHO IS THIS GUY? I MEAN, I'VE BEEN TURNING STAFFS INTO SERPENTS AND WATER INTO BLOOD FOR DECADES AND THEN ALONG COMES THIS SCHMO WITH HIS BROTHER; BOTH OF THEM IN THEIR EIGHTIES, AND DOES IT EVEN BETTER!"

GOD: "AARON HAS THE POWER OF VOICE. WHILE MOSES' WEAKNESS IS HIS INABILITY TO SPEAK, AARON COMES TO THE RESCUE AND DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE. HIS ONLY WEAKNESS, HOWEVER, IS HIS LACK OF CONFIDENCE WHEN HIS BROTHER IS AWAY. WHEN HIS BROTHER IS ON THE MOUNTAIN, AARON IS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE AND ALLOWS THEM TO BUILD THE GOLDEN CALF. STILL, HE IS A GREAT PRIEST."

WHO IS MOSES?



BATYA: "AS SOON AS I SAW THAT LITTLE FACE PEEKING UP AT ME FROM THAT WATERY BASKET I FELL IN LOVE. HE WAS THE ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS, AND I RAISED HIM AS MY OWN. HE WAS MY GREATEST JOY. IT BROKE MY HEART WHEN HE LEFT ME TO GO TO MIDIAN AND THEN BROUGHT PLAGUES UPON MY FATHER'S HOUSE, BUT I HOPE SOMEWHERE IN HIS HEART HE REMEMBERS HOW IMPORTANT I WAS TO FULFILLING HIS DESTINY".

YOCHAVED: "I AM THE MOTHER OF MOSES, MIRIAM AND AARON, THE ANGELS. THE MOST PAINFUL DAY OF MY LIFE WAS PUTTING MY SON MOSES IN A BASKET AND SENDING HIM DOWN THE RIVER. AND THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN MY DAUGHTER MIRIAM TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN RESCUED, AND THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO NURSE HIM FOR BATYA, PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, UNTIL HE WAS STRONG."

PHARAOH: "MY NEMESIS! HE WAS RAISED IN MY HOUSE AND THEN TURNED AGAINST ME! HE MURDERED AN EGYPTIAN AND RAN AWAY, ONLY TO RETURN AND DEMAND THAT I RELEASE MY KINGDOM'S ENTIRE LABOR FORCE! I WILL NOT REST UNTIL HE IS STOPPED!"

GOD: "MOSES IS THE MOST HUMBLE MAN ON EARTH. HE IS ISRAEL'S GREATEST PROPHET AND MY CLOSEST CONFIDANT. IT IS TO HIM THAT I WILL GIVE MY TORAH TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FOR ALL TIME. HIS ONLY WEAKNESS IS THAT HE SOMETIMES HAS A TEMPER WHICH LEADS HIM TO LASH OUT AGAINST PEOPLE AND ROCKS."

AND SO THE STORY IS RETOLD AND WE REMEMBER THEM EACH YEAR...TO BE CONTINUED.

GREEN TEAM

WE SPENT 40 YEARS IN THE DESERT - NOT AGAIN!

CALLING ALL HEROES! CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES BOLD, HEROIC ACTION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RAPIDLY EXECUTE A PLAN TO CONVERT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

YOUR BOLD VOICE AND FEET ARE NEEDED! GO TO WWW.BREAKFREE2016.ORG, AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN A WEEK OF WORLDWIDE PUBLIC PROTEST ON MAY 7-15, 2016.

VISIT THE GREEN TEAM'S WEBSITE PAGE AT WWW.TEMPLEISAIAH.COM/GREEN-TEAM AND SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



ISAIAH WOMEN MARCH AND APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ISAIAH WOMEN THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY EVENTS, INCLUDING OUR OUTREACH BRUNCH FOR MOTHERS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, ROSH HODESH LED BY RABBI KLEIN, OUR FIRST SUPER BOWL AND CHILI COOK-OFF PARTY, AND OUR DOCENT LED TOUR OF THE ANSEL ADAMS MANZANAR EXHIBIT.

WE CONTINUE TO INVITE NEW MEMBERS OF ALL AGES TO JOIN THE ONLY GROUP AT TEMPLE ISAIAH THAT IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR WOMEN (ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE CERTAIN EVENTS WHEN WE INVITE SPOUSES AND MALE GUESTS).

PLEASE SEND YOUR \$50 DUES TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR LAURIE GANTZ: 2317 CANFIELD AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90034 OR EMAIL HER FOR MORE INFORMATION: LBGANTZ@SBCGLOBAL.NET

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 : 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

ROSH HODESH

IN CELEBRATION OF THE NEW MOON JOIN US IN A PROGRAM LED BY RABBI AIMEE GERACE AT THE HOME OF ELAINE DIAMOND. THE EVENING WILL BEGIN WITH A LIGHT DINNER.

RSVP TO FRAN WENGER: FRANRW@AOL.COM

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 : 10:30 A.M. - NOON

LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY TOUR AND LUNCH

TAKE A DOCENT LED TOUR WITH ISAIAH WOMEN THROUGH HISTORICAL LA. MEN ARE WELCOME. THE TOUR WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA. THE COST OF OUR TOUR IS \$10. EACH PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THEIR LUNCH.

RSVP TO LAURIE GANTZ: LBGANTZ@SBCGLOBAL.NET

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 : 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BOOK GROUP

DISCUSS THE BOOK "SOME LUCK" BY JANE SMILEY AT THE HOME FERN KARP

RSVP TO FERN: FERNKARP@AOL.COM

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 : 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

COLLEGE NIGHT

UNCOVER THE MYTHS ABOUT THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MARILYN C MORRISON, OF MORRISON EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING WILL PRESENT AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP IN WHICH YOU WILL LEARN WHAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITIVE WORLD OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 : NOON

LUNCH BUNCH

WE WILL MEET AT GLORIA'S CAFÉ, 10227 VENICE BLVD IN PALMS, TO NOSH ON MEXICAN AND SALVADORAN DISHES.

RSVP TO LAURIE GANTZ: LBGANTZ@SBCGLOBAL.NET

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 : 1:15 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

SPRING MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

THIS IS OUR SPRINGTIME VERSION OF OUR FABULOUS TOURNAMENT, HELD IN OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED SOCIAL HALL.

RSVP BY APRIL 3RD TO SUZANNE SOLIG: SLSOLIG@GMAIL.COM

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 : 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

LILITH SALON

JOIN US IN DISCUSSING ISSUES RELEVANT TO WOMEN THAT ARE FEATURED IN THE LILITH MAGAZINE. WE WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SANDY MILDEN. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ELAINE DIAMOND.

RSVP TO ELAINE DIAMOND: EDIAMOND27@YAHOO.COM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 : 4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

PASSOVER SEDER

JOIN US FOR OUR FABULOUS WOMEN ONLY SEDER IN THE SOCIAL HALL. THE SERVICE WILL BE LED BY RABBI DARA FRIMMER.

RSVP TO ELLEN CANTER: ELLENJCANTER@AOL.COM

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 : 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BOOK GROUP

WE WILL DISCUSS "THE ART OF HEARING HEARTBEATS" BY JAN-PHILIPP SENDKER AT THE HOME OF MARTHA SKLAR.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29 : NOON

LUNCH BUNCH

DINE AT FUNDAMENTAL LA, WRITTEN UP AS ONE OF LA'S BEST LUNCH SPOTS. JOIN US FOR FABULOUS FOOD AND LIVELY CONVERSATION.

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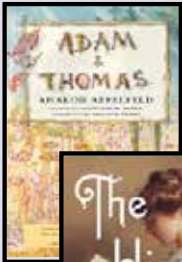


THE YEAR'S BEST JEWISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS

SHAKE YOUR PURIM GROGGER! GOOD NEWS! ON THE WAY TO THE SPIEL I HEARD THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES PROUDLY ANNOUNCE ITS COVETED SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS FOR 2016 FOR THE MOST DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO JEWISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. WINNERS ARE AN ENTERTAINING VIGNETTE, A SENSITIVE WAR TIME TALE, AND A DRAMATIC HISTORICAL NOVEL.



THE 2016 YOUNGER READERS WINNER IS **KETZEL THE CAT WHO COMPOSED** BY LESLÉA NEWMAN, ILLUSTRATED BY AMY JUNE BATES. DELIGHTFUL WORDS AND ART DELIVER THE HEARTWARMING TRUE STORY OF A COMPOSER WHO ENTERS A ONE-MINUTE PIANO COMPETITION. THE CAT HELPS WITH HIS THEME. THE PIECE GARNERS HONORABLE MENTION, GETS PLAYED IN CONCERT AND GAINS ROYALTIES FOR CAT FOOD.



THE OLDER READERS GOLD MEDALIST IS **ADAM AND THOMAS** BY AHARON APPELFELD, ILLUSTRATED BY PHILIPPE DUMAS, TRANSLATED BY JEFFREY GREEN. THIS SWEET STORY OVERHEARS TWO NINE YEAR OLD JEWISH BOYS IN HIDING; THEIR CONVERSATIONS HELP ONE GROW BRAVE, THE OTHER SPIRITUAL. GENTLE WORDS AND ART BELIE THE HORRORS OF THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR



LAURA AMY SCHLITZ CAPTURES THE TEEN READERS GOLD WITH THE **HIRED GIRL**. HER SENSITIVE STORY REVEALS THE EXPERIENCE OF A CATHOLIC TEENAGER HIRED OUT TO A JEWISH FAMILY WHO CHANGES IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.

THERE ARE FIVE HONOR WINNERS: PICTURE BOOKS **EVERYBODY SAYS SHALOM** AND **SHANGHAI SUKKAH**; OLDER READERS **HEREVILLE: HOW MIRKA CAUGHT A FISH**; AND **TEEN SERENDIPITY'S FOOTSTEPS** AND **STONES ON A GRAVE**. THERE ARE 12 NOTABLE BOOKS.



WINNERS RECEIVE CASH PRIZES FROM THE ESTATE OF SYDNEY TAYLOR, AUTHOR OF THE **ALL-OF-A-KIND-FAMILY** SERIES, AT THE AJL CONVENTION IN CHARLESTON, SC IN JUNE. TAYLOR'S SUCCESS CREATED AMERICAN JEWISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. LIBRARIAN ELLEN COLE RECOMMENDS THESE SPECIAL BOOKS. WINNERS, HONORS, NOTABLES AND **ALL-OF-A-KIND-FAMILY** SERIES ARE IN THE LIBRARY FOR YOU.

PRIZES! PRIZES!



WATCH FOR THE GALA AWARD PRESENTATION TO THE WINNERS OF THE LEVINE LIBRARY READING CONTEST.

AT ASSEMBLIES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, LIBRARIAN ELLEN COLE WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE ELECTION CONNECTION READ. THESE SPECIAL CEREMONIES TAKE PLACE DURING REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOURS ON SUNDAY FOR BOTH SUNDAY AND TUESDAY STUDENTS TOGETHER. PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

GRADES 4-6 BEGIN AT 10:15 AM. GRADES 1-3 BEGIN AT 10:45 AM.

LIBRARY HOURS:

TUESDAY: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. - NOON



ISAIAH CONTINUING ENRICHMENT

MARCH & APRIL

SHABBAT SHORTS

ERICA JAMIESON

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 3:00 P.M. - IN THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 11:00 A.M. - IN THE LIBRARY

AT OUR JANUARY SHABBAT SHORTS WE READ MICHAEL CHABON'S SHORT STORY *WEREWOLVES IN THEIR YOUTH*. THERE WAS MUCH TO DISCUSS AND LAUGH OVER AS WE DUG DEEP INTO THIS STORY ABOUT YOUTH, CHANGE AND FRIENDSHIP. WE ALSO SERVED CHOCOLATE BABKA BREAD FROM THE BREAD LOUNGE DOWNTOWN!

ON MARCH 5, WE ARE MEETING AGAIN AT 11 AM TO DISCUSS TWO LINKED STORIES BY DANIEL JAFFE. JAFFE IS A LAWYER AND TORAH SCHOLAR WHO WONDERED IF TORAH CAN BE RELEVANT TO THE SOCIAL ISSUES OF TODAY AND USED THE SHORT STORY FORMAT TO ILLUSTRATE AND SHED LIGHT ON THE TEACHINGS OF TORAH. WE WILL BE READING FROM HIS COLLECTION, *THE GENEALOGY OF UNDERSTANDING*, TWO STORIES ABOUT A DEVASTATING EVENT IN THE LIFE OF ONE FAMILY, *GENERATION TO GENERATION*, AND *MEASURE TO MEASURE*, IN THAT ORDER. AND AS ALWAYS THERE IS THE PROMISE OF GOOD SNACKS! TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE STORIES, PLEASE EMAIL ERICA JAMIESON AT EWJAMIESON@GMAIL.COM

TO REGISTER FOR SHABBAT SHORTS, GO TO:
[HTTP://WWW.TEMPLEISAIAH.COM/CONTINUING-EDUCATION](http://www.templeisaiiah.com/continuing-education)

THE SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA PRESENTS JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS:

THE ETHICAL AGENDA OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

HOW HAVE CONCEPTS OF "JUSTICE" AND "RIGHTEOUSNESS" EVOLVED WITHIN JEWISH TRADITION? HOW DO NORTH AMERICAN AND ISRAELI JEWISH COMMUNITIES DIFFER IN THEIR DISCUSSION OF JUSTICE? WHAT DILEMMAS AND CHALLENGES DOES BUILDING A JUST AND RIGHTEOUS COMMUNITY RAISE?

YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI
MARCH 6, 2016, 4:00 P.M. - AT STEPHEN S. WISE TEMPLE

YEHUDA KURTZER
APRIL 3, 2016, 4:00 P.M. - AT TEMPLE ISAIAH
(TEMPLE ISAIAH WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNAL DINNER FOLLOWING THE LECTURE BY YEHUDA KURTZER)

TO REGISTER FOR THE SERIES OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:
[WWW.SHALOMHARTMAN.ORG/LACOLLABORATIVE](http://www.shalomhartman.org/lacollaborative)

SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB

THREE MEETINGS TO SHARE!
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN LIBRARIAN ELLEN COLE FOR THE DISCUSSION.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 10:30 A.M. - IN THE LIBRARY
IN THE COURTYARD OF THE KABBALIST BY RUCHAMA FEUERMAN
A FRAGILE TRIO DISCOVERS A RARE POTTERY SHARD IN JERUSALEM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 10:30 A.M. - IN THE LIBRARY
THE BETRAYERS BY DAVID BEZMOZEIS
AN AWARD WINNING THRILLER FOLLOWS THE FLIGHT OF A HOUNDED ISRAELI POLITICIAN.

AND
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 10:30 A.M. - IN THE LIBRARY
SAFEKEEPING BY JESSAMYN HOPE
TURMOIL ENVELOPES A KIBBUTZ WHEN THREE STRANGE SUMMER VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE.

HOUSE CALLS

WE ARE OFFERING ICE HOUSE CALLS FOLLOWING DATES:
MARCH 10, APRIL 9, MAY 19 - FROM 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

WE ARE THRILLED TO CONTINUE ICE HOUSE CALLS. AGAIN THIS YEAR YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN WITH ONE OF OUR CLERGY IN THE INTIMATE SETTING OF AN ISAIAH MEMBER'S HOME.

TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HOME OR TO SIGN UP FOR THE TOPIC OF YOUR INTEREST, GO TO [HTTP://WWW.TEMPLEISAIAH.COM/CONTINUING-EDUCATION](http://www.templeisaiiah.com/continuing-education)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: RABBI AIMEE GERACE AT RABBIAMEE@TEMPLEISAIAH.COM.

A CROSS-CULTURAL LOOK AT DEATH AND DYING

NIKI ROUSSO-SCHINDLER, PROFESSOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 12:00 P.M.

ONE OF THE ONLY CERTAIN UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCES FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS IS DEATH. HOWEVER, NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF THAT EXPERIENCE VARIES FROM CULTURE TO CULTURE. WE WILL EXPLORE VARIOUS RITUALS AND BELIEFS SURROUNDING "THE END" AS A RITE OF PASSAGE. WE WILL DISCUSS CONCEPTS OF THE SOUL, MOURNING, SYMBOLISM, ORIGIN MYTHS, BURIAL RITUALS AND MORE.

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CREATING A CHEVRA KADISHA

RABBI MICHELLE MISSAGHIEH
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 7:00 P.M.

PERHAPS THE MOST POWERFUL RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE WE CAN HAVE IS LOVINGLY PREPARING A BODY FOR BURIAL. RABBI MISSAGHIEH FOUND DEEP MEANING STUDYING AND PRACTICING CHEVRA KADISHA WORK AFTER THE DEATH OF HER FATHER. SHE THEN CREATED A BURIAL SOCIETY AT HER CONGREGATION, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD

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RACHEL KORAZIM

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
FRIDAY, MAY 6 - DINNER AND LECTURE - 7:15 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 7 - RACHEL KORAZIM LECTURE
11:00 A.M. FOR B'YACHAD
3:30 P.M. FOR THE COMMUNITY

WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF LEARNING WITH DR. KORAZIM BOTH IN ISRAEL AND AT TEMPLE ISAIAH, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING A WEEKEND WITH THIS INSPIRING EDUCATOR. DR. KORAZIM WILL LEAD US THROUGH THE COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING NARRATIVES OF ISRAELI SOCIETY, GUIDING US TO EXPLORE, CRITIQUE, LAUGH AND SOMETIMES SHED A TEAR THROUGH POLITICS AND POETICS, BIBLICAL MOTIFS, IDEOLOGY AND IDENTITY.

RSVP TO JENNIFER@TEMPLEISAIAH.COM TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

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B'NAI MITZVAH

MARCH



JACOB POSNER
SON OF JUDITH AND BARRY POSNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 5

MARA FELDMAN
DAUGHTER OF MAUREEN AND DAVID FELDMAN
SATURDAY, MARCH 12



ANDREW GRANET
SON OF KEITH GRANET AND JON VASZAUSKAS
SATURDAY, MARCH 19



RACHEL LIND
DAUGHTER OF DEIDRE AND MARTIN LIND
SATURDAY, MARCH 26

APRIL



ELLIOT KATZ
SON OF MANDY AND STEVE KATZ
SATURDAY, APRIL 2



HANNAH GARDOS
DAUGHTER OF NANCY AND ALEX GARDOS
SATURDAY, APRIL 2

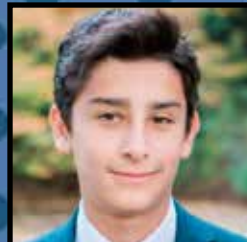


ISABELLE FISHER
DAUGHTER OF EVE FISHER AND MICHAEL ISHINO
SATURDAY, APRIL 9



JENNA STAMM
DAUGHTER OF BETSY YACHZEL-STAMM
AND RONALD STAMM
SATURDAY, APRIL 9

TIRA MANSBACHER
DAUGHTER OF JORDANA AND
AMIR MANSBACHER
SATURDAY, APRIL 16



BENJAMIN MAIZES
SON OF SARAH MAIZES
AND STEVEN MAIZES
STEPSON OF SCOTT BURN
SATURDAY, APRIL 16



OLIVIA MAIZES
DAUGHTER OF SARAH MAIZES
AND STEVEN MAIZES
STEPSON OF SCOTT BURN
SATURDAY, APRIL 16

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

MAZAL TOV TO: AUTUMN AND DAVID KONHEIM ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, RYAN OLIVIA; JENNIFER AND PATRICK NJATHI ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, SIMON; DRs. ELIZABETH JAHANIAN AND SEAN BEHNAM ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, JOSHUA; DEVORA AND REID WOLF ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, LUCAS DYLAN; ELHAM BEHROOZANIA AND ASHKAN RABIE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, LEAH.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

THE FOLLOWING TEMPLE MEMBERS OR THEIR LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN ILL AND WE WANT TO WISH THEM WELL: LORI MCCrackEN

SYMPATHY

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING TEMPLE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THE RECENT LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES: GARY DUCK ON THE LOSS OF HIS WIFE, SUSAN DUCK; MEGAN WEINER ON THE LOSS OF HER GRANDMOTHER, RENEE BERK; DENA COHEN ON THE LOSS OF HER GRANDMOTHER, BLUMA B. SAMUELS; HANNAH CAHN ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND, FRANK CAHN; ROBERT KATZ ON THE LOSS OF HIS MOTHER, NORMA KATZ; RHONDA STUDNER ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND, PETER STUDNER; SEPIDEH KOHANARIEH ON THE LOSS OF HER FATHER, ESMIAL BARZIVAND; JEFFREY ELLIS ON THE LOSS OF HIS FATHER, JOSEPH ELLIS; THE BRENNER FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF DANIEL BRENNER.

MARCH MEMORIAL PLAQUES

MARCH 4

BUD BLITZER
GARY BRODSKY
HARRY GORDON
HENRY KOLB
DAVID LEVICH
LOUIS LEVITZ
SARA MISHNE
HERMAN PESKAY
ABRAHAM PINCHASI
BORIS POSNER
SAMUEL SAX
JEROME SPATZ
BESS YETTRA
SOL ZISKIND

MARCH 11

JOSEPH BOOKMAN
MINNIE FREEMAN
LILLIAN GOLDMAN
ANNA GOODMAN
ISAAC HARRIS
ROSE JACOBS
LAWRENCE JOSEPH
SAMUEL KAMINKER
CHARNE KODIMER
MICHAEL MARSHALL
HYMAN MILLER
BOUDEWIJN MULDER
FANNY ROTH
JACOB SANDS
TILLIE WALTER

MARCH 18

HERMAN BAYLESS
MORRIS BROUNSTEIN
MORRIS FABRICK
HARRIET JACOBS
ABRAHAM JALOFF
ZERLINA KATZ
SIDNEY KERN
HAROLD KREISBERG
MORRIS LEINOW
ABE LEVATTER
ADELE LEVINE
AUGUSTA MILLER
LOUIS SHAPIRO
FRED STROZER

MARCH 25

MORRIS AVIDON
RITA CLAYMAN
PAUL FREEDBERG
ANNA FREIDSON
JEAN GERBER
HANNAH GLASSMAN
DINA GOLDFARB
HELEN GOOTKIN
ARTHUR MASCHKOWSKI
LILLIAN NEEDELMAN
MURIEL PINES
HERBERT EDWARD POLINSKY
LEAH RECTOR
IDA SANDS
MORRIS SILVERSTONE

APRIL MEMORIAL PLAQUES

APRIL 1

DORIAN ANDERSON
KALA BIALES
HARRY BROWNSTEIN
IRENE DAVIDSON
LOTTIE FIRESTONE
NANCY KLEIN
CHIL PICK
DAVID RECTOR
GAYLE SADOFSKY
HARRY SCHECHTER
FLORA SIEGEL
HARRY SUBOTNICK
JOE TERRENCE

APRIL 8

MORRIS DAVIDSON
PHAMIE FABRICK
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ROSE GOLDBERG
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REBECCA OFFER

CELIA RADOFF
DEBORAH ROLFE
NATHAN SIDLOW
EDMOND SOMEKH
WILLIAM WEILL
ANN WINOGRURA

APRIL 15

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HERMAN BIRKEN
LILLIAN CRAFTON
JOSEPH DLUGOFSKY
GEORGE FEIGENBAUM
SAMUEL FREEDBERG
ALAN FREEMAN
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ALFRED SEAL
BABE SMARDAN
MORRIS STEIN
LOUIS WALLACE
RONALD WYNBRANDT
BETTY ZSUPNIK

APRIL 22

CELIA ALTKORN
HARRY ARNOLD
LEON BAYARD
LUCY BRETZFELDER
ERWIN CHESSEN
SYDNEY CROSS
ROSE DOLIVIK
ARTHUR FRIEDMAN
BARUCH KATZ
ROSE KERSON
MAE KORMAN
PAUL KRAMER
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CHARLIE MARKS
HARRY ORKIN
HARRY ROSEN

JACK SILVERBERG
DIANA STELL
CHARLOTTE STERN
DAVID STUDNER

APRIL 29

JACK BIEBER
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FRIEDA BRUCK
JENNIE COHEN
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EDWARD FRUMHOFF
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MARCH/APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, March 4

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Rising Service
7:15 p.m. Oneg
7:15 p.m. Shabbat Rising Dinner

Friday, March 11

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Jazz Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, March 18

5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Family Shabbat
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:00 p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Dinner
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, March 25

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Jazz Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday April 1

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Rising Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday April 8

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Jazz Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday April 15

5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Services
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:00p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Dinner
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Nigun Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday April 22

4:00 p.m. Shabbat Services

Friday April 29

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Passover Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

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Mon

Center for the Widowed
Every Monday

Thur

Café Isaiah
Every Thursday | 9:15 a.m.

Wed

Daughters of Torah ~ Learning Circle
Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Sat

Shabbat Torah Study
Every Saturday | 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning, exploring Torah verse by verse.

March Events

Spine Tingles Book Group

March 1 - 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Shorts

March 5 - 11:00 a.m.

Westside Collaborative Lecture Series

March 6 - 4:00 p.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable

March 12 - 9:00 a.m.

Purim Carnival

March 13 - 11:00 a.m.

T.I.N.G.

March 15 - 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women /College Night

March 15 - 6:30 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

March 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice

March 17 - 7:00 p.m.

TOT Shabbat

March 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Purim Dinner

March 23 - 5:30 p.m.

Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel

March 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Purim

March 24

April Events

Shabbat Shorts

April 2 - 11:00 a.m.

Spine Tingles Book Group

April 5 - 10:30 a.m.

Hearts & Minds: Torah Roundtable

April 9 - 9:00 a.m.

ICE House Calls

April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Isaiah Women/Mah Jongg Tournament

April 10 - 12:15 p.m.

TOT Shabbat

April 16 - 9:30 a.m.

Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice

April 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

April 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Passover 2nd Night Seder

April 23 - 5:00pm