

TEMPLE SOLEL Pathfinder

March 2021 / Adar - Nisan 5781

Light on the Horizon



The last time our Temple Solel community gathered in person for Shabbat was Friday, March 13, 2020. Indeed, a Friday the 13th that proved to be a harbinger of things to come. It was an unusually rainy, dark afternoon for Phoenix. Shortly before services began, seeing the sun shining through the rain clouds, I hustled outside with the prospects of seeing a rainbow. To my delight, I was greeted by this double rainbow, arched over our sun-bathed building. This rainbow has helped get me through what is now approaching one year of the pandemic.

In writing about the biblical rainbow, arising from Noah and the ark story, the 13th-century Spanish Bible commentator, Nahmanides, sees it is an inverted bow (as in a bow and arrow) that is no longer aimed at the earth. The bow that had threatened the earth in the form of a flood, is now pointed away from earth; it no longer has a string or arrows; a ceasefire from above. In this sense, the rainbow can be seen as a hopeful portent of things to come; a sign of God orchestrating peace in the high heavens.

A rainbow is the refraction of light through water drops, breaking up the white light so that we can see the various colors in its visible spectrum.¹ One moment water presents itself as threatening, torrential rains, the next moment as a breathtaking rainbow—offering possibilities barely imaginable just minutes earlier.

I recall, just a month into the pandemic, trying to offer comfort and hope to the congregation through the Jewish adage, “*gam zeh ya’avor*—this too shall pass.” Well, who would have imagined, now a year later, that we would still be experiencing worship, religious school, adult education, shiva minyanim, board and committee meetings, all of them virtually. Thankfully, with the remarkable, nothing short of

miraculous speed of vaccines being developed, approved, manufactured and distributed, we can now say “this too shall pass” with a brighter light on the horizon.

This has been a long, devastating year. No doubt there have been silver-linings; yet we are not looking through rose-colored glasses. Family and friends have died as a direct consequence of COVID-19. Jobs have been lost, businesses closed, life cycles scaled back or postponed, isolation exacerbating the ever-present fractures of mental illness and abuse. The communal life of religious worship has been confined to our homes, on computers screens, and cell phone. COVID-19 fatigue is real.

We all want to reopen the temple and come back in person, no one more than your clergy team. Rabbi Stiel can’t wait to meet you in person! We are getting closer. Hundreds within the Solel community have either been fully vaccinated, have had their first shot, have an appointment, or are trying like the dickens to get one. At Pathfinder press time, your clergy, staff, and lay leaders are in the trenches, doing the necessary spade-work to reopen in a responsible way. Stay tuned!



—Rabbi John A. Linder

March 13, 2021 coincides this year with the first day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. What a lovely gift from the universe. A rainbow at the beginning of a year filled with hardship, keeping us from losing hope—assuring us that the rain will stop, the sun will shine; *gam zeh ya’avor*—this too shall pass. As the month of Nisan ushers in the rebirth of spring, renewed life, and our people’s Exodus from Egypt, it too brings us closer to reengaging in life. The desert bloom is within sight. Keep that in your mind’s eyes. It’s not far off.

Rabbi John A. Linder

¹ My Jewish Learning on “The Jewish Rainbow Connection”

THE MISSION OF TEMPLE SOLEL IS TO BE A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE AND ENGAGED REFORM COMMUNITY, GROUNDED IN RELATIONSHIPS AND DEEDS, AND ELEVATED BY SHABBAT AND TORAH.

Estelle Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Jamie and Gregg Davis, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:30 am. Estelle attends North Phoenix Preparatory Academy and enjoys sewing, competitive gymnastics, and baking. For her mitzvah project, Estelle is looking forward to raising money to help make gymnastics accessible to families that can't afford the fees.



Olivia Soren Lang, daughter of Mindy and Adam Lang, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10:30 am. Olivia attends All Saints Episcopal Day School and enjoys playing volleyball, theater, singing, reading, going to the gym, playing games, and spending time with family. For her mitzvah project, Olivia volunteered with New Pathways for Youth. If you'd like to find out more, visit npfy.org/olivias-fundraiser.

Isley Sloane Zall, daughter of Alli Zall and Brad Zall, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:30 am.

View Shabbat and B'nai Mitzvah Services by visiting templesolel.org and selecting the "Click here to watch our Streaming services" link at the beginning of each service.



"YOU SHALL TELL IT TO YOUR DAUGHTER"

AN INTERGENERATIONAL VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SEDER

LED BY RABBI DEBBIE STIEL

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
AT 6:00PM**

REGISTER: TINYURL.COM/WOMENSEDER21

TEMPLE
SOLEL
6805 E McDONALD DRIVE
PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253

Passover: A Journey of Inner Liberation



This month, we will celebrate the holiday of Passover. Most of us will participate in some kind of a Seder, whether in person or online, and we will retell the story of our Exodus from Egypt. In Jewish mystical circles, 'mitzrayim' (the Hebrew word for Egypt) is a narrow place, a place of constriction. We encounter these narrow places in our everyday lives.

We encounter mitzrayim when we are waiting in line at the post office and we feel those angry impulses start to rise. We encounter mitzrayim when we're with our families and we replay the roles we have played for years, often even repeating the same conversations. We encounter mitzrayim when we have a disagreement with a romantic partner that brings up our inner defenses. The challenge for us on a daily basis is to break free from these unconscious patterns. And we can do that by bringing our

awareness into the present moment, catching ourselves before we fall into old routines and reactions.

Once we are able to move into the present, we can zoom out from our limited view of ourselves. We can remind ourselves that we are, in fact, spiritual beings who are larger than our individual personal dramas. We can apply the wisdom of the Passover story to our daily lives. Rather than being confined to the slavery of our past, we can symbolically open the door for Elijah, to the hope of a new future... which of course requires dying to our former selves.

May we take a new look at our traditions this year, and hopefully begin to see them with fresh eyes...

In song,
Todd Herzog
Cantorial Soloist

Save the Dates
FAMILY SHABBAT

MARCH 12 With 6th grade participation in an Israel themed Service

APRIL 9 With 7th grade participation exploring the theme of Shoah & character building

MAY 14 10th Grade Confirmation & College Send Off

Happy
PASSOVER

March 27 - April 3, 2021

ReformJudaism.org
Jewish Life in Your Life

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Todd & Juliet Burgess13 yrs	Andrew & Ellen Meltzer14 yrs
Jonathan Cartsonis & Claire Bowey26 yrs	Jordan & Ann Oland20 yrs
Gregg & Jamie Davis21 yrs	Steven & Gayle Pincus.....43 yrs
Michael & Lisa Flader7 yrs	Ernie Riffer & Jody Reiser31 yrs
Rob & Shlomit Gruber.....17 yrs	Marc & Tracy Schwimmer38 yrs
Eric Haas & Jennifer Serlin23 yrs	Brent Shuster & Candice de Saint-Antoine ..14 yrs
Marc & Dina Hudson.....18 yrs	Andrew & Stacy Sweet17 yrs
Michael & Rhea Kowitz20 yrs	Mark & Sandy Winograd33 yrs
Dan & Becky Lieberman.....32 yrs	Gary & Susan Worth.....28 yrs

Play is How We Roll



As we near the end of this school year, many parents have talked to me about the curriculum at the Solel Preschool. Play is really our curriculum and I found an article on the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) web site that explains the reason Play is so important. Enjoy.

10 Things Every Parent Should Know about Play

1. **Children learn through their play.** Don't underestimate the value of play. Children learn and develop cognitive skills—like math and problem solving in a pretend grocery; store physical abilities—like balancing blocks and running on the playground; new vocabulary—like the words they need to play with toy dinosaurs; social skills—like playing together in the kitchen corner or creating or creating a menu for a pretend restaurant.
2. **Play is healthy.** Play helps children grow strong and healthy. It also counteracts obesity issues facing many children today.
3. **Play reduces stress.** Play helps your children grow emotionally. It is joyful and provides an outlet for anxiety and stress.
4. **Play is more than meets the eye.** Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules—to name just a few. Researchers study play's many aspects: how children learn through play, how outdoor play impacts children's health, the effects of screen time on play, to the need for recess in the school day.
5. **Make time for play.** As parents, you are the biggest supporters of your children's learning. You can make sure they have as much time to play as possible during the day to promote cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development.
6. **Play and learning go hand-in-hand.** They are not separate activities. They are intertwined. Think about them as a science lecture with a lab. Play is the child's lab.
7. **Play outside.** Remember your own outdoor experiences of building forts, playing on the beach, sledding in the winter, or playing with other children in the neighborhood. Make sure your children create outdoor memories too.
8. **There's a lot to learn about play.** There's a lot written on children and play. David Elkind's *The Power of Play* (Da Capo, 2007 reprint) is a great resource.
9. **Trust your own playful instincts.** Remember as a child how play just came naturally? Give your children time for play and see all that they are capable of when given the opportunity.
10. **Play is a child's context for learning.** Children practice and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play. It gives them a place and a time for learning that cannot be achieved through completing a worksheet. For example, in playing restaurant, children write and draw menus, set prices, take orders, and make out checks. Play provides rich learning opportunities and leads to children's success and self-esteem.

Bongiorno, Laurel PhD

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/10-things-every-parent-play>

Mary Ann Bloom

Director of Early Childhood Education

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 5: Rock & Roll Tot Shabbat, 3 year olds perform on Zoom

March 24 & 25: Passover Seders

COVID Impact on Upcoming Events:

Please remember that all of our events are subject to change/possible cancellation due to COVID infection rates. Temple Solel takes COVID-19 precautions and protections very seriously and our teams continue to meet as benchmarks and research change and adapt over time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility!

Did You Know???



Friday and Saturday Shabbat Services are available via StreamSpot on your home PC! Go to www.templesolel.org and click on the button to stream services on either day to join us!

Courageous

An amazing young woman walked into our office in July 2019. Her name, Elis Legler, was applying for the position of Raker Religious School Coordinator. From the moment I spoke with her, I felt that Elis was the one for Raker! Please enjoy reading about her journey and experiences along the road to coming to Phoenix. We are fortunate to have Elis on staff, and of course very lucky to be able to share Ben, her adorable baby boy, with her and her husband Adam.

Tobee Waxenberg

When we think about the word ‘courageous,’ we instantly think about someone who has no fear, someone brave.

For years I was called courageous, and for a long time, not only did that word bother me, but I replied with... “Courageous? Me? I can’t even look at a snake picture without closing my eyes in desperation!” Just as an idea, I went to Papago Park and avoided at all costs that playground with the huge snake sculptures. (Oh yes, and yet, I moved to Arizona!)

About 10 years ago, a friend of mine told me “You are so courageous. You always follow your dreams, and you have no fear of going after what makes you happy.” And just like that I realized that I had it all wrong.

I am not the kind of courageous person who will take on skydiving as a hobby or that will pet a wild animal. And no, I won’t look at a snake, even from a safe distance. But, I am the kind of courageous person who will express my thoughts out loud, who will go after what I want, and will always ask questions. I guess, in a way, I do all the courageous things that are not dangerous. What’s the worst that can happen? Failing and trying again? Having to change my course and strategy? Receiving ‘no’ as an answer? Ultimately, trying (but playing it safe) doesn’t hurt!

Bottom line is that you don’t have to be fearless or brave to be courageous. Being courageous means that even though you have fears, you are brave enough to follow your plans, you still chase after what you believe in, you still go after what you want. And with that being said, an enlightening fact: we are all courageous.

The Jewish people endured so much. And yet, we carry on. Holocaust survivors carry their fears and traumas for life, and they still thrive. They live because they can; they live because regardless of their fears and traumas, they have the courage to go on.

Anti-Semitism is still a sad reality. And yet, we don’t hide our culture, we don’t hide our pride, and we cherish our traditions in all possible moments. We do it because we

can, we do it because we want to, and we do it because regardless of our fears, we have the courage and the willingness to go on.

I never feared moving to a new place. I knew that, worst case scenario, I could always move back home... which I did, many times. I lived in different places throughout my life. Rio de Janeiro, London, Israel (in the city and in a kibbutz), New York City (in Manhattan and on the other side of the East River), West Texas, and now Arizona. All these places are so incredibly different, but yet, every time that I was surrounded by a Jewish community, they were unique and familiar. When it was time to move here, I knew that I would be in Arizona for a really long time, if not forever. We have no family in Arizona, we didn’t know anyone in

Arizona. But as soon as I heard that the Scottsdale/Phoenix area had a big Jewish community, my worries went away. No matter what, you can always count on your Jewish community. And it did not disappoint. Once again, being courageous proved to us, that when you focus on the bright side, you will always be “counting your blessings.”

It’s at the core of the Jewish people to be courageous. It lies in the importance of keeping our religion and community alive. That is why your family belongs to a temple, that’s why you send your children to religious school. Religious school is not only about giving your children the opportunity to learn about Judaism, Hebrew, and Israel,

it is about teaching them to be courageous and proud of their heritage, it is about teaching them the importance of belonging to a Jewish community.

Now that I am a Mom, this is proving to be true all over again. What a difference a Jewish community makes. The words of kindness, the support, in a language that is universal to us. There is something in this language that is even quite unrealistic, something magical, mystical, and for sure spiritual. How can a person feel so at home even though she only lived at this new place for such a short time compared to most? How can a person feel so welcomed and loved even though she met her community (in person) for such a short period of time before having to accept a virtual-only connection? How? Because this is us.

Thank you for being there for me. Thank you for believing in the importance of Jewish studies and connections to your family. Thank you for being here for Temple Solel and Raker Religious School, because we sure are doing everything we can to bring Jewishness and mindfulness to your home.

Elis Legler

Raker Religious School Coordinator





Drew Kolber

Drew Kolber is a Junior at the Herberger Young Scholars Academy. She was raised in Arizona with her parents Elissa Katz and Jason Kolber, and their cats, Coco and Mocha. Drew loves interfaith connections and started a teen chapter of the Sisterhood of Salam Shalom where Muslim and Jewish teen girls connect and foster friendships to build community. "This is the coolest thing!"



Drew is also co-president of TSTY (Temple Solel Temple Youth) and is a Madricha. "I really love the Temple Solel community and think it's very warm," she says. She has been a Temple Solel member since she was in kindergarten. Her family became members in 2010. "It was so worth it to join and it still is," Drew explains, "The

family aspect along with community through song, specifically with Todd. I love to sing and have sung in the choir."

Temple Solel membership to Drew "means community, it means family, it means mentorship." She had the opportunity to talk to and build friendships with the clergy. The Temple Solel Clergy are an inspiration to Drew. "There's something about rabbinic teaching that it takes daily things and makes them meaningful in an older context which I think is super, super cool," she says. Drew is interested in pursuing The Interfaith Youth Core, running interfaith programming to start dialog on college campuses. "I would love to either attend Minerva for college or ASU for the Barrett Program and continue writing and continue learning about the world."

Her favorite Temple Solel memory is "having the opportunity to talk with a lot of Holocaust Survivors through Dr. Jay's Raker Religious School Class. Even though I've heard their stories several times, it's always just really incredible to hear stories of resilience and those are always really meaningful," she says.

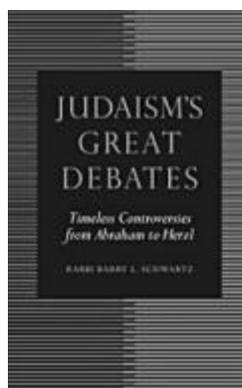
Something Temple Solel members may not know about Drew is that she's "happy to have a conversation with anyone," she says, "I'm very grateful for Temple Solel and all the people who have supported me for a long time. Thanks."



Temple Solel Book Club

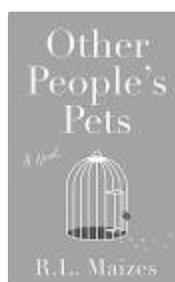
Dear Fellow Book Lovers,

Thank you to Noreen Cohen for leading the February discussion of *Glikl*.

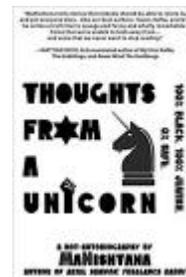


This month, on **March 16 at 6:00 pm**, Fred Schwartz will lead our discussion of Judaism's Great Debates: Controversies from Abraham to Herzl by Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz (no relation to Fred). "A volume easily read, Judaism's Great Debates whets the reader's appetite with a desire to dig deeper into where we've been as a way of understanding some of the most important issues facing us today."—Ellis Shuman, Times of Israel. The author's method of analysis for each debate is to consider its context,

its content, and its continuity [meaning its] ongoing relevance of the issues at stake." The phrase "argument for the sake of Heaven" means we debate respectfully to discern the Divine intent and preserve the minority opinion in the same spirit. The discussion should be a lot of fun. Please join us.



Next, we have meetings coming up on **April 20** (when we will read *Other People's Pets*, a novel by R.L. Maizes) and **May 18, each at 6:00 pm**. *Other People's Pets*, the April 20 book, "examines the gap between the families we're born into and those we create, and the danger that holding on to a troubled past may rob us of the future." On May 18 we will read *Thoughts From A Unicorn: 100% Black. 100% Jewish. 0% Safe.* by MaNishtana, an African-American Orthodox rabbi.



I welcome anyone might like to lead the April or May discussion to reach me at the email below. If you would like to be added or removed from the Solel Book Club mailing list, please also email me at books@templesolel.org.

Happy reading,
Judy Schaffert



Thank You!

Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers are an essential part of Temple Solel. We would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and efforts:

Birthday Calls

Arlene Bonime

Knitting for a Purpose

Arlene Bonime

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Stephen Gerst

Yahrzeit Notices

Cynthia Marcus

“Eve’s Daughter—A Midrash” at Torah Study



In the beginning of the Creation story, God creates Eve, the first female human being. In Hebrew, she is called *Chavah*, meaning “life.” She embodies the twin forces that govern the cycle of life – birth and death.

One day in her garden, Eve puts her lips to an apple from the Tree of Knowing Joy and Pain. With a kiss and a bite, the twin forces inside her are activated. She embraces her partner Adam, and they bear “sons and daughters” (Genesis 5:4). When the first son lives and the second son dies, Eve becomes *Em Kol Chai*, “the mother of all that happens in life.”

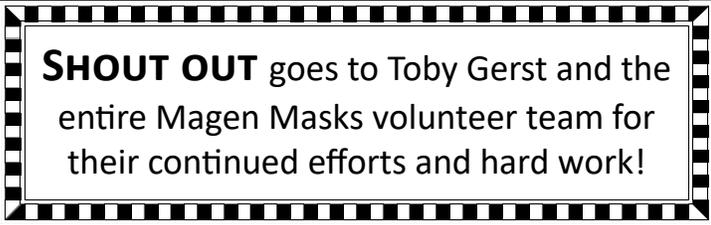
We know the fate of Eve’s sons, but what about her daughters? Possibly, we meet one daughter in the Song of Songs, which we read on Passover each year. She is Rayati, a maiden in King Solomon’s court. When Rayati falls in love with a handsome youth, she takes him back to her mother’s garden. She says: “Come, my beloved, let us see if the vine has flowered, if the pomegranates are in bloom; there I will give my love to you, under the apple tree... for love is fierce as death” (Song 7:12-8:6).

Like her mother Eve, Rayati knows that a kiss can unleash both the creative force and the destructive force of the cosmos. Yet in the midst of this perennial cycle, we find our greatest human strength – our ability to bond with one another and enjoy life’s fruits. This is the legacy of Eve and her family: “Be fruitful and multiply,” and take a bite out of life. On Passover this year, let’s honor them by adding an apple to our seder plate!

Torah Study meets virtually every Saturday morning at 9:00 am. See eNUZ for Zoom link and info. Please join us!

Matthew Kozinets

Would you like to volunteer at some point in the future? We’d love to have you! Email office@templesolel.org, and we’ll add you to our volunteer email list for upcoming opportunities.



SHOUT OUT goes to Toby Gerst and the entire Magen Masks volunteer team for their continued efforts and hard work!



TEMPLE SOLEL
MEN OF SOLEL
VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR
TUESDAY, MAR 2 AT 7PM
LINK IN ENUZ
MENOFSOLEL@TEMPLESOLEL.ORG

TEMPLE SOLEL PRESENTS:

**BIBLICAL PROPHETS:
WHO WERE THEY THEN? WHAT
CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM
TODAY? (PART II)**

MINI COURSE

WITH
RABBI JOHN LINDER

TUESDAYS
MAR 9, 16, 23, & 30
7:00PM-8:30PM

REGISTRATION
IN ENUZ



TEMPLE SOLEL

sisters of SOLEL

**SPIRITUALITY
YOGA**

MARCH 11
AT 6:00PM ON ZOOM

Join us as we
heal and grow as
it pertains to
women's
spirituality
through yoga.

REGISTRATION
IN ENUZ

TEMPLE SOLEL

**Knitting
for a Purpose**

Wednesday, March 10 at 1PM

REGISTRATION IN ENUZ
knitting@templesolel.org



PRE-PASSOVER

FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITING
VISTA DEL CAMINO FOOD BANK

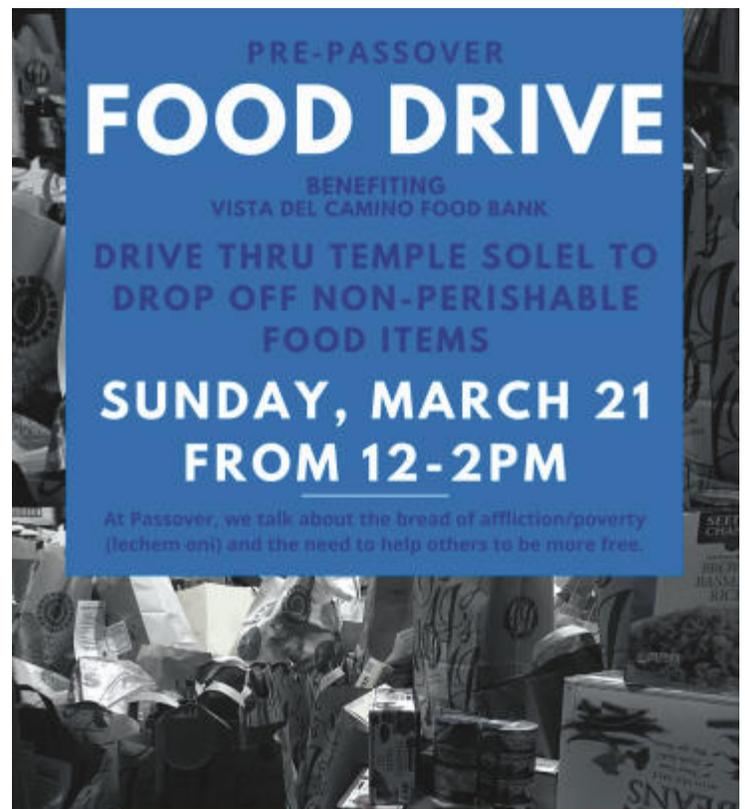
DRIVE THRU TEMPLE SOLEL TO
DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21
FROM 12-2PM**

At Passover, we talk about the bread of affliction/poverty (lechem oni) and the need to help others to be more free.

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TEMPLE SOLEL




FRIDAY,
MARCH 12

6:15 PM
ZOOM SERVICES

**FAMILY
SHABBAT**

With 6th graders
participation
in an Israel themed Service



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Tu BiShvat Fun at The Solel Preschool



Lots of smiles during playtime in the Narwhals class



We celebrated Tu B'Shevat at the Solel Preschool and celebrated the trees and all they provide.



Some kids prefer to keep their hands clean, so fingerpainting in a bag is their favorite way to create.



We love reading stories at Solel and make sure to read a few each day



Taking a break with some sweet treats!



Sometimes we get messy with sensory activities!



We also enjoyed tasting various fruits during our Tu BiShvat Celebrations



Physical activities are so important to develop young muscle skills and setting up obstacle courses is one of our favorite ways to stay active



Oranges, apples, and raisins—Tu BiShvat is a yummy holiday!



**Second
Night
Congregational
Passover Seder**

TEMPLE
SOLEL

**Sunday, March 28
at 6:00PM on Zoom**

Conducted by Temple Solel Clergy

Reservations must be made online
at **tinyurl.com/SolelSeder** Zoom
link given upon registration.

Email **office@templesolel.org** for
additional information.

Temple Solel Endowment Foundation

Securing Our Future | March 2021

I am a lucky person. My parents raised me in a traditional Jewish home with solid Jewish values. They taught me, as I am teaching my daughter, that giving is a privilege. Sharing is a mitzvah. A big part of being a Jew is paying it forward. I have tried to do that. It feels good.

We are a community here at Temple Solel—not just a loose collection of schlemiels who scramble for parking spots in the same lot on High Holidays. We are here for each other. We help each other. Hands on.

Rabbi Linder and the Temple Solel Endowment Foundation Board members keep reminding me how important it is to support the Foundation, keep it alive and help our spiritual community grow. Because of it, we can support Jewish tradition, education and teach our colorful observances. It is essential to have that endowment in place, with annual gifts the Temple can count on.

Less than eighty years ago, almost an entire generation of our families—not strangers—people who actually looked like us, with our surnames, were murdered, only because they wanted to go to their synagogues to practice Judaism.

But now, here at Temple Solel, we enjoy all the religious freedom we could ever dream about.

Look at it from a strictly pragmatic point of view. You have a choice.

A. Add a provision in your estate plan to make a generous legacy gift to the Foundation.

With that said, we also welcome current contributions.

B. Write those dreadful, soul-squealing checks to the Internal Revenue Service. Truthfully, we are nicer, and we serve much better bagels.

Imagine what it would be like for our spiritual community without you and your legacy gifts. Our sanctuary could possibly be dark, not able to observe Shabbat, and have cobwebs on the mezuzah at the front door. We would not feel our desert sunrise streaming through the stained-glass windows. Shemah, Kol Nidre and Hatikvah would be stone silent. There would not be a place to say Kiddish or Kaddish, get married, break the glass, celebrate our children's Bar and Bat Mitzvoth, or simply to feel at home in a cold, isolated world.

We are Temple Solel! Our name means Pathfinder. By definition, we lead the way down new roads to better lives for our families. "We get by with a little help from our friends" *The Beatles*. Be mine. And thank you for being generous.

Please consider supplementing your generous support of Temple Solel with a gift to the Endowment Foundation; legacy or current gifts or both! As always, we suggest you discuss these strategies with your estate attorney and tax advisor to determine what might be appropriate for your situation.

Geoffrey Harris

Board Member, Temple Solel Endowment Foundation



UPCOMING SPEAKERS & TOPICS



Thursday, March 4, 1:00-2:00 pm

Professor Joel Gereboff

"Who and What Should I Fear: Early Rabbinic Views"

Professor Joel Gereboff is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Arizona State University. He received his Ph.D. from Brown University in History of Judaism in Late Antiquity and his BA from New York University in Philosophy.



Monday, March 15, 1:00-2:30 pm

Dr. Jennifer Wiseman

"Beauty, Mystery, Significance in a Vast Universe"

Dr. Jennifer J. Wiseman is the Director of the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) program. She is also an astrophysicist at NASA, where she is the Senior Project Scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope.

Please note that all presentations above are virtual in nature until further notice.

Classes cost \$18 per person, per session, and you must register to attend. Learn more and register at www.valleybeitmidrash.org.

Contributions

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Solel by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

Annual Campaign Fund

- In memory of David Sussman
Adam Nach
- In memory of Rose Amendola
Fred Forsythe
Myra Baum
- In memory of Jerry Smith
Richard and Cathy Boskey

Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog's

Discretionary Fund

- Always fun to hear you inspire all of us at Solel
Gail Zucker & the Zucker Girls
- Thank you for making Ellie's Bat Mitzvah so special!
Todd and Sara Goldman
- In memory of Ola McGrew
Marney Field
- In memory of Else Seligman
Ralph and Leslie Seligmann

Capital Fund

- A donation was made by
Chuck Pishko

Caring Community Fund

- In memory of Rose Amendola
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Jules Hertz
Milly Kaplan
- In memory of Rose Amendola
Sandra Harris

Dr. Gerald Becker Adult

Education Fund

- In memory of Edna Hoffman
Arnold Hoffman

Edward and Celia Linder Interfaith

Bridge-building Fund

- In memory of Edward Linder - Always in our hearts!
Catherine Linder Spencer

- In memory of Emile Carp
Jan Carp
- In memory of Rose Amendola
Jan Carp

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- Thank you for making Ellie's Bat Mitzvah such a special time!
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Tikkun Olam Opportunities During Covid-19

There are many opportunities for helping out those in need in our community. Don't forget to use #WEARESOLEL for us to see all your amazing projects.

FOR THE HUNGRY:

Jewish context: "Share your bread with the hungry, and take the wretched poor into your home. When you see the naked, clothe him, and do not ignore your own kin." Isaiah 58:7

- Serve a meal at St. Vincent de Paul
Email volunteer@svdpaz.org if interested.
- Deliver a meal with Meals on Wheels.

FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Jewish context: "Your heart shall not be grieved when you give." Deuteronomy 15:10

- Donate blood by making an appointment at
American Red Cross
- Donate to the Diaper Bank of Central Arizona.

WORKING OUTSIDE:

Jewish context: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it." Genesis 2:15

- Weeding out the backyard or apartment complex
- Decorating a compost or recycling bin
- Litter Pick-Up

HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR:

Jewish context: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Leviticus 19:9

- Mow their lawn
- Wash their car
- Walk their dog

KNIT OR SEW:

- Donate your work
- Google search for instructions on how to make a no-sew blanket
- Learn how to sew virtually with a family member
- Make and donate face masks

FOR OLDER ADULTS:

Jewish context: "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:32

- Help deliver groceries/run errands
- Deliveries through JFCS
Email jayne.plotkin@jfcsaz.org
- Writing a Letter or Making a Card:
Send letters/cards to Haven Hospice at 15551 N.
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Our Gift Shop is closed due to Covid-19. We have amazing prices and even have jewelry that need a little TLC. The Gift Shop is open during the week from 10am to 4pm. We may have some items that

Please note that due to Covid-19, the Gift Shop is closed. Stay tuned to eNUZ and our website, www.templesolel.org for details on when the Gift Shop will reopen for business. Thanks!

Return Policy
The temple will cheerfully accept any returns for **store credit only**.
Thank You!

Torah Portions/Candle Lighting Times
March 5 / Ki Tisa / Exodus 30:11-34:35 / 6:10pm
March 12 / Vayak'heil-P'kudei / Exodus 35:1-40:38 / 6:16pm
March 19 / Vayikra / Leviticus 1:1-5:26 / 6:21pm
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