



## MONTHLY NEWS AND CALENDAR

### Godwin's Law and "Never Again"



In 1990, American author and attorney Mike Godwin offered what soon became known as Godwin's Law. It states: "As an online discussion goes on long enough, sooner or later someone will compare someone or something to Hitler or Nazism." At that point, says Godwin, the weakness of the speaker's argument is revealed, the discussion is finished and the person who mentioned

Nazis has automatically "lost" the debate. The irony here is, of course, that the very device that was intended to draw attention to an issue and show how serious it is, actually has the effect of shutting down quiet, thoughtful, reasoned discourse. That, at least, is what Godwin meant by this "internet law."

I learned about Godwin's Law for the first time a couple of years back at a time when what some called "playing the Hitler card" was an inevitable part of discussions about the now-voided Iran nuclear pact, about gun control and even in in Israel where Orthodox Jews demonstrating against an expanded military draft donned yellow-star patches.

What was clear then — and has become increasingly clear in our current overheated environment — is that we are more drawn than ever to using the comparison to Hitler or Nazism when we feel existentially threatened. When we are in fear that our community, our country or our world are on the brink of terrible evil, we almost inevitably draw on the most horrendous precedent we can conjure. And that is the example of Nazi Germany.

I certainly understand Mike Godwin's point. Virtually any real-time event today pales in comparison to what the Nazis wrought in mid-twentieth-century Europe. Not everything we don't like qualifies as "Nazi-like." Not every person we fear qualifies as "a new Hitler." And overusing the comparison can only weaken its power when we need it to confront manifest evil in our world.

Still, I wonder if, in our zeal to remove this extreme metaphor from our arguments, we are missing something. Because when Hitler and the Nazis were a minor force in the early 1930s, they undoubtedly contained the seeds of radical evil within them. They hadn't proven it yet. But before long, they surely would. If they had been seen for what they were at that time, if they had been called out for what they were and resisted in full force, perhaps the catastrophe they generated would never have come to pass.

And, while we may not be certain that any person, any cause, any government in our own day is capable of this kind of violence, viciousness and cruelty, the seeds of evil may very well be there, ready to reveal themselves if we allow them to go unopposed — just as was true for the Nazi Party in 1930. If we don't speak out against them, if we don't resist them while they may still be resisted, if we don't say "Never again" and mean it, we may be helping to foster the next Hitler and the next Nazi Party.

That is why Yom HaShoah is so important today, at a time when Jews have been massacred in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, where marchers in Virginia chanted "Jews will not replace us," where criticism of Israel often veers into all-too-familiar and hateful anti-Semitic tropes.

Godwin's Law reminds us not to be over-quick to tar anyone we dislike, any cause we resent with this terrible label. But where we legitimately fear those who seek our destruction, we must not be afraid to speak out. "Never again" — the abiding lesson of the Holocaust — applies just as much in 2019 as it did in 1945.

That is why I am asking you: won't you be with us as we observe Yom HaShoah on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm, as we stand together with caring brothers and sisters from our interfaith community, to proclaim "Never again"?

*Rabbi Eliot Strom*

## A Message from Rabbi Cherney



You may find yourself engaging in a spring cleaning practice or perhaps tidied up as the spring holidays approached and guests visited your home. Judaism often has something to say about adding intentionality into many of the practices in our lives. This year I had the pleasure of joining Temple Judea's Rosh Chodesh group which has been meeting for close to 13 years! We talked about the popular tidying connoisseur Marie Kondo and the ancient Jewish practice of soul strengthening known as *Mussar*.

Here are my reflections on that evening and how the two gratitude practices are linked:

I sat in my car outside a snowy home. As a rabbi, I'd just come from connecting with some elementary school kids about their lives. Now, I had to transition my mindset. I was about to have the honor of learning with a Rosh Chodesh (new month, new moon) women's group. The topic: cleansing our souls, cleansing our lives. Integrating the Jewish practices of *Mussar* (ethical and spiritual character development) with Marie Kondo's tidying techniques.

I have spent time following both of these introspective gratitude practices. In one season of my life, I prioritized tidying and in a different time period, I engaged in soul-searching through *Mussar*. The practices could be seen as separate, but in fact, for me personally, they are deeply linked.

I can look back at different moments and think about where my soul may have been during episodes of intense and necessary tidying (such as moving to a new home). I can also think about many times in which my soul felt out of alignment for one reason or another and my home reflected the messiness of my inner life.

I grew up in a house where shoe boxes sit upon bookcases and line the hallway. In the home I am creating for my family, I am very conscious (maybe overly so) about what our actual material needs are. My partner and I balance two professional careers, the care of our child, dog and cleaning stuff we already own! If I reframe the tasks of cooking, cleaning, and recycling as ways to minimize waste, I feel better about how we spend our time. Yet, kids accumulate more stuff than adults since their minds and bodies are constantly growing, so too are their needs!

This is where Kondo and *Mussar* can help (or at least have helped me)!

Kondo uses a six-step technique. I've matched them with Jewish *Mussar middot*/value measures that one can practice through the art of tidying.

**RULE 1: Commit yourself to tidying up.** [Patience (*Savlanut*), Compassion (*Rachamim*), Faith (*Emunah*)]

I think this is perhaps the most important of the Konmarie rules as Kondo's steps are known. If you are not ready to commit, it will not be a lifestyle change, and you will continue to need to tidy periodically. For many years I kept clothes, books, or miscellaneous items that held no purpose or function in my life. If something is given to us, I try and see if it serves a unique purpose in our lives or if it's something we already have. If it is better than the previous item we had, I will gift the item we've outgrown as a family to people in need through our local buy-nothing or yard sale Facebook groups. This level of commitment takes patience (it's time-consuming), compassion for yourself, and a leap of faith!

**RULE 2: Imagine your ideal lifestyle.** [Equanimity (*Menuchat Ha'Nefesh*), Simplicity (*Histapkut*)]

I recognize this piece is different for everyone. My ideal lifestyle includes nice and tidy functional spaces. I have a hard time functioning in chaos. As someone who works from home, it's one of the reasons I have to escape to coffee shops or libraries to be productive. In order to get to this kind of peace in my own home, everything has to be stored in its place. I ask myself, what would balance look like? Can I achieve simplicity, or is it an ideal?

**RULE 3: Finish discarding first.** [Gratitude (*Hakarat Ha'Tov*), Generosity (*Nedivut*), Responsibility (*Achrayut*)]

So much of what I have learned from Jewish wisdom teaches that we must come to terms with closure rituals before our next phase can begin. I have found this to be true. Thank the items you plan to discard for having been a part of your life in your time of need and keep moving forward! Remember that you are responsible to make this change!

**RULE 4: Tidy by category, not by location.** [Enthusiasm (*Zerizut*), Truth (*Emet*)]

For me, this means first admitting there are items from each category all over the house! Putting them together allows you to see what you may need for function and what pieces you may be holding onto even though your life has continued to move forward. Muster all your energy toward it, and recognize what you truly need.

**RULE 5: Follow the right order.** [Order (*Seder*), Moderation (*Shevil Ha'zahov*), Humility (*Anavah*), Trust (*Bitachon*)]

Just like soul-searching, tidying takes practice and discernment. Kondo has created order to these actions so that you refine your skills as you continue to do this work in your home and on your spiritual self. Be honest and trust your instincts.

**RULE 6: Ask yourself if it sparks joy.** [Honor (*Kovod*), Loving-Kindness (*Chesed*), Silence (*Sh'tikah*)]

## A Message from Rabbi Cherney (continued)

This is where the dots can be connected between our souls and homes. If we feel complete and whole to have everything about our space feel joyful we will be closer to emitting that feeling we internalized and vice versa.

Perhaps through this tidying process, we will be closer to coming out of *mizrayim*, the narrow places in our lives. Perhaps, if Kondo

is right, it will bring us more joy! I hope you all had a *Chag Pesach Sameach* (Happy Passover)!

*Kol tuv* (all the best),  
Rabbi Elyssa Cherney

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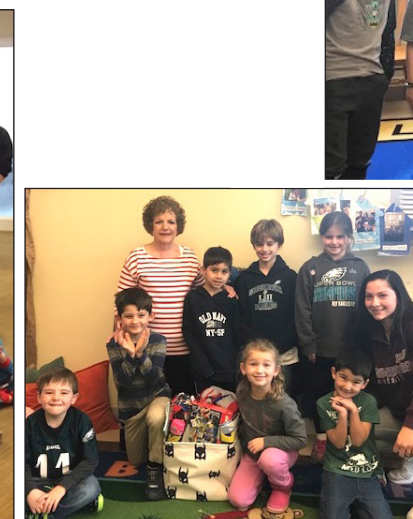
## Dr. Rebecca's Monthly Moment

I cannot believe that another year has passed. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for joining me in the *Year of the Mitzvah*. We have done so much good for our community.

When I sat down to write this, I realized how much we became a community, how each of you has contributed — and I want to thank each family for joining me, and our faculty, for teaching our kids the value of doing good. I hope that this continues in your households, at Temple Judea and beyond.

This year's activities in the Religious School and Confirmation Academy included these highlights:

- We created gift baskets for Mikayla Monthly Mitzvah
  - Gan-Puzzles/games
  - Grade 1 – Superheroes
  - Grade 2 – “Fun Basket”
  - Grade 3 – Personal storybook and fun times
  - Grade 4/Confirmation Academy – Valentines
  - Grade 5 – Snack bags
  - Grade 6 – “Basket of Fun”
- The Pre-Gan class assembled 100 breakfast bags to donate to the Bucks County Housing Group's food pantry in Doylestown.
- We donated 100 boxes of pasta during Purim from our “grogger” donation to the Bucks County Housing Group's food pantry.



Far left: The Pre-Gan class assembled and donated 100 breakfast bags to the Bucks County Housing Group.

Left: Students in grade 1 sit proudly with their superheroes-themed gift basket for Mikayla Monthly Mitzvah.

Above: Mikayla receives her Mikayla Monthly Mitzvah gift box from grade 3 students.

## A Message from the President

*“I thank you God for this most amazing day, for the leaping greenly spirits of trees, and for the blue dream of sky and for everything which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes.”* — e. e. cummings



I am coming to the end of my term as president of Temple Judea. I thank all of you for this marvelous journey. For me, it has been an opportunity to work with many dedicated, intelligent, caring people. I have met people, both within our congregational family and outside of Temple Judea, all of whom are connected to Temple Judea’s story.

I have had the opportunity to write about my spiritual experiences and thoughts during the past two years and I have learned a lot in this process. My understanding of Judaism has evolved significantly over the past few years, as a result of reading, study at Temple Judea, and discussions with various rabbis. I’m still learning.

Often when I’ve written these monthly articles, I’ve had my four granddaughters in mind. They range in age from six months to seven years. Like myself and previous generations, they will come to know the world differently than their parents and grandparents and they will form their own opinions. But I pray that my experiences will be both interesting and meaningful for them.

I want to discuss with them these ideas, which I have learned are thoroughly Jewish:

- Our universe is ultimately not fully knowable and inherent in the design of the universe is randomness. Thus, the future is not fully determined.
- Intelligence is a gift to humankind. We will always search and explore to understand more. This never-ending quest gives life meaning.
- Everything in the universe is connected. Recognizing these connections is the first step in making our world a better place.

I also want to discuss with them these other particularly Jewish ideas:

- Jewish traditions are beautiful, although traditions are not mandatory. It helps to know how our traditions got started,

and thus feel more comfortable observing the traditions that particularly enhance our lives.

- Jewish mysticism and spirituality are hard to define and describe, but exploration of these pathways is illuminating. Somehow, mysticism and science are intertwined.

Looking back over the past two years, I want to especially thank all of our staff and volunteers. Our clergy team did an excellent job raising our spirits and teaching us. Our vice presidents worked tirelessly and capably and made my job much easier. Our board members challenged me at times and our discussions always yielded better results. Dr. Rebecca Slavin-Phillips capably led and improved our Religious School, and Sheryl Milstein ably managed our enlarged preschool. Nancy Perrine managed our office administration with a remarkable understanding of each congregants’ needs. Sue Leventhal made significant progress improving our accounting processes. Our teachers and tutors were outstanding and their efforts show in our children’s accomplishments. Behind the scenes, Lou Ann and Al fully supported our many activities.

There are many volunteers who ushered, welcomed, advised, and manned many activities throughout our year. We could not operate without you.

As president of Temple Judea, I’m comfortable that I did my best for our synagogue, sometimes hitting the mark and other times not accomplishing as much as I would have liked. I find this quote from Shakespeare to be apropos: “A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.”

I look forward to next year at Temple Judea. I will continue to serve on Temple Judea’s board as past president, when my role will shift to assisting our new officers to lead our synagogue. I will see you at services, at Torah study and at many TJ events throughout next year.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Shalom,  
Joel Weiner

## Adult Ed. to Co-sponsor Author Talk on May 5

Temple Judea Adult Education will co-sponsor an event with Kehilat Hanahar (Little Shul by the River) in New Hope at noon on Sunday, May 5. Ira Poliakoff will speak about his new book, *Synagogues of Philadelphia*, which traces the history of the Jewish community in the five-county Philadelphia region through the lens of more than 500 synagogues. This promises to be a stimulating and informative talk. Poliakoff previously authored a

well-received book on the synagogues of Long Island. Kehilat Hanahar is located at 85 West Mechanic Street, New Hope 18938. Free.

Larry Roth,  
Chair, Adult Education Committee

## Meet a Congregant: Abigail Martin

By Gail Snyder

With her petite frame and big brown eyes, Abigail Martin does not look the part of someone who is an authority on evil. Yet this congregant, a philosophy professor emeritus, has the bona fides.

As those who attended her Adult Education talk at the temple last month are aware, Martin’s most recent book is *A Good Look at Evil*. The new edition, published in 2018 by Wipf & Stock, was written under her professional name: Abigail L. Rosenthal, and is a redo of a title published by Temple University Press in 1987.

Why redo a 32-year-old book? Martin has a simple answer: “Nothing in the field [of philosophy] seems quite as new or cutting edge as what I published in 1987. It still seems true.”

Nonetheless, she added two new chapters to the original. “God and the Care of One’s Story”—one of the new additions—now closes the book and was the chapter Martin concentrated on during her April talk at the temple.

Three weeks before Martin gave that talk, she sat down with this reporter for a conversation about evil, life stories, the Bible and God’s presence in ordinary lives. At her side during the kitchen table discussion was her husband Jerry, a fellow author and philosopher and most likely her biggest fan.

Here are some of the observations Martin made that day:

**Why evil interests us:** “People get interested in evil for cheap thrills and because they are attracted to the lurid or the sensational or they are bored and they want to look at zombies, vampires, creepy things. They want the shock, they want the gore. But evil doesn’t become a problem that besets an ordinary life unless one is trying to live a good life.”

**Torah study is important:** “The reason I take the Bible seriously is that I think real life is still like that. [The Bible contains] very strong hints of what it is like to live. ... I don’t think anybody is quite creative enough to have written these [stories] as fiction. They are based on human experience but what particular experiences and how closely the original matched the record that has come down to us in the *Tanakh* ... that’s for experts to try to measure.”

“The Jewish people have a covenant with God and it occurs in real time, in real culture and real circumstances. What is unique about biblical stories is the characters are flawed and recognizable as human yet they are doing something odd: trying to live in connection to God. A God who is somehow witnessing their lives and their human story. It seems exceptional. I don’t know of other religions that have sacred tests that unfold quite that way.”

**Evil is cunning:** “Evil is often portrayed as instinctive as what we are made of if you peel off the civilized layers so that the Unabomber or predators of that kind who create social mayhem are



Abigail Martin

really more natural than civilized people and so there’s a fascination with their amoral, lawlessness ... People think it is instinctive behavior but it is not. It is cunning, it’s intelligent, it can be highly civilized and well-thought out. We are by nature aware and thoughtful creatures and so is the evil-doer.”

**Discerning between divine intervention and coincidence:** In her book, Martin writes about two incidents

in which she believes God or Jewish angels intervened in her life. For example, the time that she put all of her energies into finishing her dying father’s book instead of burnishing her own publishing credentials. Toward the end of his life, her father (yes, another philosophy professor) had been trying to finish a book on the Jewish-Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza. Considering the completion of the book a type of death-bed promise, Martin ignored well-meaning colleagues and friends who warned her that she should let the project go. And by ignoring these naysayers she ended up saving the day and getting a promotion after the prestigious speaker who was to deliver a talk on Spinoza was a no-show at a big event with a room full of people waiting for him to speak. In desperation, the university provost asked if anyone in the philosophy department could fill in for the British speaker who had written the date down incorrectly and had expected to give his talk the next day.

Martin thought carefully before agreeing to fill in. As she explains, “In philosophy we prepare before we say anything. Philosophy is a boxing match and you don’t talk until you are aware of who the competitors are and what the field is like; we don’t just get up there and schmooze.” Nevertheless, she overcame her reluctance to speak off the cuff and wowed the audience with her knowledge of Spinoza gained in large part from working on her father’s book. Was this a coincidence, one of those random events in the universe that somehow works out well for people? Not in Martin’s view.

“It was a miracle. One of those Jewish miracles that don’t require supernatural intervention. God is present in the world partnering with you. You can’t count on it ... it is unpredictable. It might or might not happen. But if you interpret it as a miracle, as divine intervention, then working on my father’s manuscript becomes not something of a career buster but essential to the way the story [of my life] unfolds.”

Copies of *A Good Look at Evil* are available at the temple gift shop at a discount.

## Big News from Small Wonders

Small Wonders' first big event for May will be our Fine Arts Day on Friday, May 3. The Sunbeam class will have the opportunity to show off their beautiful artwork they've been working on under the guidance of the Michener Museum's Art Start Program. It is always an amazing morning showcasing their artistic talents.

On Monday, May 6, the staff will be treated to a lovely luncheon sponsored by the Parents' Association, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. The parents get a chance to help out by going into the classrooms during the lunch hour. We are very much looking forward to the experience and thank in advance all the parents who make it possible.

May will also bring us our Mother's Day Teas, on May 9 and 10, as the children entertain with an adorable song, and then "serve" their favorite ladies brunch. Later in the month, on May 30 and 31, it's time for Donuts with Dudes. Each child gets to bring their

favorite dude (or dudette) to share in arts and crafts, playtime, and snacks.

As of this writing, the total had not yet been tallied for Ladies Night Out but the evening was wildly successful as always. The support of the school, temple and community is always overwhelming and much appreciated.

Most classes for the fall are at or near capacity, but please call to get more information if you're interested in getting your child in on the fun.

Happy spring!

*Sheryl Milstein*  
Director, Small Wonders at Temple Judea

## Rabbi Search Committee Update

The rabbi search committee is pleased to report that we are in the process of reviewing the resumé of many very qualified rabbis. We anticipate the process moving steadily forward over the next eight weeks. We are a group of seven congregants who are committed to a very intentional process of bringing a part-time rabbi to our synagogue. If you have specific questions or insights, please share them with the committee chair, Andy Kind-Rubin (akindrubin@gmail.com).

## Temple Judea's Astounding Teens

Temple Judea's teens continue to amaze us as their youth group grows and prospers in our synagogue. Back in March, JUSTY members helped kindergarten through third-grade students make kazoos so they could drown out the name "Haman" when JUSTY members acted out the story of Purim. In April, they helped fourth- to sixth-graders play Israeli games and build a Wailing Wall that would hold their notes and prayers.

But our teens do more than mentor our younger "youth group-members-in-training." Each month, they have lunch together (not pizza, but a different lunch choice each month) on a Sunday to just hang out together and do some planning for upcoming events. At our most recent meeting, besides discussing a day to be spent with the fourth, fifth and sixth graders, we talked about the upcoming interfaith Passover Seder at Temple Judea, a bowling

event in May, and plans for our big trip in June to Camelbeach Mountain Waterpark or Knoebels Amusement Park.

JUSTY will also be holding a special send-off dinner to our graduating seniors as they leave the nest for college, and a separate dinner for our rising students as they think about what activities they would like to do with JUSTY in the coming year.

I am so proud of all of these young leaders! They all have exceptional promise for the future as they engage with their synagogue and their Judaism in a profound way at Temple Judea.

*Jerel Wohl,*  
Youth Group Advisor



Students blow the kazoos they made with the assistance of the Youth Group. They used their noisy kazoos to drown out Haman's name during the reading of the Megillah, the Purim story.



Sam Bernstein makes steak sandwiches for the March Youth Group meeting.



Noah Bernstein and Seth Wohl portray Queen Esther and Haman in the Purim schpiel for kindergarten to grade three students as Mickey Mouse narrates.

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shortest distance  
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## NIGHT OF LIGHT

### A Miraculous Journey Toward the Experience of God

Saturday, May 4

6:00 pm

Join us for wine and cheese, Havdalah, and a unique discussion  
with noted historian and storyteller Ken Kaplan\*

We live in extraordinary times. We are in the midst of a spiritual revolution that centers on moving beyond belief in God to the experience of God.

Ken Kaplan has been a pioneer in this movement, and through his life experiences speaks to the nature of religion and spirituality itself, especially the interface of God and the evolution of humanity.

Ken will share some of these experiences and perspectives, and there will be time for questions and comments. One goal of this presentation is to preserve and understand our traditions while offering opportunities to expand them. The program will end with a group meditation to reinforce the principles we have explored.



All are welcome to attend this program.

\$10 donation is suggested.

\*No relation to our congregant and past president Ken Kaplan



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## Temple Judea Upcoming Events

*Torah Study is held every Saturday at 8:45 am.*

### May

Wednesday, May 1	Prayer Prep	5:30 pm
	Confirmation Academy pizza dinner	6:30 pm
	<b>Yom HaShoah Service</b> led by Rabbi Strom with the Temple Judea Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday, May 2	Small Wonders Staff meeting	5:30 pm
Friday, May 3	Munchkin Minyan	6:00 pm
	Traditional Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Cherney	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 4	Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah of Russell Weber led by Cantor Frimark	10:30 am
	<b>Night of Light</b> — wine, cheese, havdalah and discussion with guest speaker Ken Kaplan	6:00 pm
Sunday, May 5	Religious School	9:00 am
	Family Ed. grade 5	10:00 am
	Religious School Committee meeting	9:15 am
	<b>Adult Ed. talk with author Ira Poliakoff</b> — co-sponsored with Kehilat Hanahar and held at their New Hope location	12:00 pm
	<b>Family Fun Days – Family Bowling at Thunderbird Lanes</b>	12:30 pm
	<b>Annual Congregational meeting</b>	4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 7	Rosh Chodesh (to be held at Temple Judea)	6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 8	Confirmation Prep	5:30 pm
Friday, May 10	Shabbat Service led by Cantor Frimark	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 11	Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah of Adam Stiefel led by Cantor Frimark	10:30 am
Sunday, May 12	No Religious School	
Tuesday, May 14	<b>League of Our Own event</b>	2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 15	Confirmation Academy and Prayer Prep	5:30 pm
	Confirmation Prep	5:30 pm
	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Friday, May 17	<b>NFTY-PAR Haggigah/Maccabiah</b> — grades 8 through 11 (at Camp Harlam)	
	Friday Night Express Shabbat led by Rabbi Cherney	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 18	Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Collachi led by Cantor Frimark	10:30 am
Sunday, May 19	Religious School with Pre-Gan (last day)	9:00 am
Wednesday, May 22	Confirmation Prep	5:30 pm
Friday, May 24	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Simon	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 25	<b>“Sage-ing: The Art of Spiritual Eldering”</b> — class led by Rabbi Simon	10:30 am
Monday, May 27	Small Wonders closed	
	Office closed	
Wednesday, May 29	Confirmation Prep	5:30 pm
Friday, May 31	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Cherney	7:00 pm

### June

Tuesday, June 4	League of Our Own Luncheon	12:30 pm
Wednesday, June 5	Confirmation Prep	5:30 pm
Friday, June 7	Munchkin Minyan led by Rabbi Cherney	6:00 pm
	Traditional Shabbat Service and Executive Board Installation — includes honoring of Rabbi Cherney for her service to Temple Judea	7:00 pm
Saturday, June 8	<b>Shavuot/Confirmation/dinner and Havdalah</b> led by Rabbi Cherney	6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 12	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Friday, June 14	Traditional Shabbat Service led by Cantor Frimark	7:00 pm
Saturday, June 15	Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah of Peyton Ostroff led by Cantor Frimark	10:30 am
Friday, June 21	<b>“A Light Unto the World”</b> — an interactive Shabbat program with speaker Edie Weinstein	7:00 pm
Monday, June 24	<b>Small Wonders Camp Open House</b>	10:00 am
Tuesday, June 25	Small Wonders Camp begins	9:00 am
Friday, June 28	<b>Shabbat Service and dedication of new outdoor prayer space</b> led by Rabbi Simon	7:00 pm
Saturday, June 29	<b>“Sage-ing: The Art of Spiritual Eldering”</b> — class led by Rabbi Simon	10:30 am

### Mazel Tov to our May B’nai Mitzvah

**Russell Weber**  
son of Barney and Margie Weber  
May 4

**Adam Stiefel**  
son of Marc and Ellen Stiefel  
May 11

**Jeremy Collachi**  
son of Adam and Rachel Collachi  
May 18

*All are welcome to attend any Shabbat service. Please join us to celebrate these joyous occasions as our young adults become Bar and Bat Mitzvah!*

## May Yahrzeits

26 Nisan	May 1	Martin Bigelman Lea Litz	Father of Beth Stolinsky Grandmother of Jerel Wohl
27 Nisan	May 2	Allan Serotte	Husband of Marinetta Serotte
28 Nisan	May 3	Doris Gordon Dorothy Lowenstein Stanley Pearlman	Mother of Susan Leventhal Wife of George Lowenstein Father of Drew Pearlman
29 Nisan	May 4	Frances Pfeiffer	Grandmother of Heidi Leventhal
2 Iyar	May 7	Richard Willie	Stepfather of David Bockol
7 Iyar	May 12	Mary Grosso	Mother of Marinetta Serotte
8 Iyar	May 13	Harold Cohen Hazel Hochschild Mary Marbach	Husband of Rita Cohen Mother of Peter Hochschild Mother of Maxa Berman
9 Iyar	May 14	Jeffrey Anker Mike Berrins	Stepfather of Bryan Friedman Grandfather of Stacey Friedman
10 Iyar	May 15	Miriam Rader Blanche Weiner	Grandmother of Laurie Ann Moore Mother of Joel Weiner
15 Iyar	May 20	Rita Philipson Selma Wohl	Mother of James Philipson Aunt of Jerel Wohl
16 Iyar	May 21	Shirley Matkoff	Mother of Lisa Sandler
18 Iyar	May 23	Robert Keller	Father of Dana Beifeld
20 Iyar	May 25	Hill Lalin	Husband of Lynn Grater
24 Iyar	May 29	Philip Herstein Linda Levenkron	Father of Theodore Herstein Mother of Steven Levenkron
25 Iyar	May 30	Elaine Berkowitz Edward Wolpert	Sister of Diane Herstein Father of Sonya Guggenheim
26 Iyar	May 31	Seemon Pines	Father of Marcia Philipson

## SAVE THE DATES

for two very special Shabbat events coming up in June:

**Friday, June 21** — “A Light Unto the World” — We will celebrate the summer solstice and Shabbat with author and inspiring speaker Edie Weinstein. Join us for a joyful, interactive evening of prayer, play, and storytelling.

**Friday, June 28** — Rabbi Simon will lead a Shabbat Service at which we will dedicate our new outdoor prayer space. We will honor our special guests, the members of Boy Scout Troop 71, who designed, built, and donated the materials for this beautiful addition to our synagogue.

## Special Events — May 2019

- Wednesday, May 1 **Yom HaShoah Service** — 7:00 pm.  
A beautiful interfaith Holocaust remembrance led by Rabbi Strom with the Temple Judea Choir.
- Saturday, May 4 **Night of Light** — 6:00 pm. “A Miraculous Journey to the Experience of God” presented by historian and storyteller Ken Kaplan. Join us for wine and cheese, havdalah, and a unique discussion. \$10 donation suggested.
- Sunday, May 5 **Adult Education program with Ira Poliakoff** — 12:00 pm. Join us for a talk with the author of *Synagogues of Philadelphia*. Co-sponsored with Kehilat Hanahar and held at their New Hope location. Free.
- Family Fun Days** — Bowling at Thunderbird Lanes in Warminster. 12:30 pm. \$9.50 per person includes shoe rental and 1-1/2 hours of bowling.
- Annual Congregational Meeting** — 4:00 pm. Vote on new officers and discuss other topics. Please attend or send in your proxy.
- Friday, May 17 **Circle of Friends trip to Grounds for Sculpture** — Guided walk in a 42-acre scenic sculpture garden. Circle members \$22 (join for \$10/year); Temple members \$27. For more information, contact Carole Roth at 215-230-3408 or carole.roth@yahoo.com.
- NFTY-PAR Haggigah Maccabiah** — grades 8 through 11 (at Camp Harlam).
- Saturday, May 25 **“Sage-ing: The Art of Spiritual Eldering”** — 10:30 am. Class series led by Rabbi Simon. (Those interested in joining the ongoing class should call the temple office to contact Rabbi Simon.) 10:30 am.

Check our website ([TempleJudea.org](http://TempleJudea.org)) for the most up-to-date information or changes to our events and schedules

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**May is a busy month at Temple Judea! See page 15 for a complete listing of May Special Events.**



# **NEVER FORGET**

## **Yom HaShoah Service**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**7:00 pm**

**Join Rabbi Strom along with area clergy and the Temple Judea Choir in a beautiful interfaith service in remembrance of the Holocaust**

*Teach your children to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust. Suitable for children ages 11 and up.*