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The Temple Times



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August 2011



Rabbi's Message

As summer wraps up (way too quickly), we are planning and getting ready for an exciting year. But first let me please reflect on the week I spent at Camp Jacobs. There is one phrase that I have been repeating to myself and my husband since we entered the camp: "What a special place." I spent the week seeing and participating in SO many activities. I visited all of the Maskilim and Talmidim specialty camps. I went swimming with Olim every day (which was such fun to do with my 11-month-old daughter, who loved the new water features). And I struck up many conversations with campers and staff members alike. Each of these conversations revolved around very similar themes and phrases: "I am the only Jewish kid in my class/grade/county." "I come from a small southern town." "I feel like I can be my whole self at Jacobs." This camp adds so much to their Jewish identity through

the informal education that happens throughout the day. The campers learn blessings, values and mitzvot, all the while engaging in a variety of activities from making their own mud brick oven to cook in, to playing soccer, to writing scripts to be made into a video, to creating visual and performance art. These campers are challenged physically and intellectually. They practice praying, learning and growing not only their Jewish souls, but socially and psychologically as well. What a gift that camp is - but more than the camp, the true gift was the fact that the camp was set up in such a way that relationships were the top priority. The ability for campers to establish relationships with each other which they keep throughout the year over Facebook and email makes it such a wonderful place. The energy at camp Jacobs is so exciting and full of life. I was there the first week, when campers had an opportunity to see each other for the first time since they had left camp. There was so much excitement and joy - people sharing stories and laughing.

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President's Message

I wanted to briefly give you a recap of some of the highlights of our Congregational Meeting that was held on June 12th. Reports were given by many committee chair people to bring the Congregation up to date on the wide range of activities that are going on at the Temple. It constantly amazes me how many activities we have to choose from at the Temple, and the committee chairs do a great job!!!

A couple of points from the meeting:

- 1) I am appealing to **ALL** members of the Congregation to volunteer for **ONE** committee for the upcoming year. A sign up sheet is included in this edition of the Temple Times. For us to continue to provide all of our many programs and services -- WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!! As you will see, we have a couple of new committees that we are trying to form this year, and the work of these committees will literally help shape the future of our Congregation. An organization like ours cannot function without everyone contributing - so please take a minute and fill out the attached form.
- 2) Our Finance Committee reported that for the first

time in several years, we ended our fiscal year with a small surplus that we can carry into the upcoming year. **This goal was accomplished even as the Temple was able to retire three outstanding debts!!!** The realization of this goal was made possible by extra donations from several members of our congregation, a \$4,000 donation from the Temple Sisterhood, funds raised through special events (Temple Concerts, Temple Talent Show and our Purim Spiel), a good performance by our General Endowment and the many hours of work by YOUR Temple Board of Directors. Our finance committee, Saul Ginsburg (Treasurer), Larry Banks and David Berkowitz, did an outstanding job in leading us to this outcome and we owe them a great deal of thanks for helping us achieve this goal! With our financial success from this past year, the Congregation approved a **BALANCED** budget for fiscal year 2011-12.

- 3) Your Board of Directors has adopted a policy that deals with the issue of items that are donated to the Temple. A copy of the new policy is included in this edition of the Temple Times.

The coming year promises to be even more exciting as we will have at least 9 B'nai Mitzvahs !!!

Thank you for your support, ~ Brad ~

August 2011

Services, Onegs, Yahrzeits, and Bima Duty

August 5 - 6:00 PM – Summer Service

Yahrzeits (July 31 – August 6)

Harry Hankin, Oscar Levin*, Ethel Levy Denaburg,
Joseph Kraselsky

August 12 – 6:00 PM – Summer Service

Yahrzeits (August 7 – August 13)

Miriam Ungar Berkowitz*, Harold Michelson*, Rose
Hyatt Goldstein, Fannie Schwenk Cohen, Lynn
Rutenberg, Adolf Goldstein*, Charles Schulwolf,
Charles Denbo*, James Stone

August 19 – 7:00 PM – Aaron Simon Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeits (August 14 – August 20)

Arthur P. Baer*, Raymond Samuel Farbman, Sam
Shulman*, Samuel Trattner*, Horace J. Weeks Jr,
Samuel Ziffer, Belle Pevsnek, Minerva Landau
Rosemore, Sadie G. Goldberg*, Harry Wiener, Abe
Goldstein*, Freda Tand

August 20 – 10:00 AM – Aaron Simon Bar Mitzvah

August 26 – 6:00 PM – Summer Service

Yahrzeits (August 21 – August 27)

Jewell Goldsmith*, Seymour Kaplowitz, Lawrence
Bernstein Goldsmith Jr*, Nathan Neyman, Shirley
Winter

*Remaining August names are for September 2
and will be included next month*

Donations

General Fund

In memory of Morris Schindler

From: George Minor

In memory of Morris Schindler

From: Donald Ifshin

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

*For tornado relief in memory of family members who
perished in the Holocaust*

From: Hilda Nathan

Music Fund

In memory of Erika and Leo Aronheim

In memory of Edna, Murray and Rita Ifshin

In memory of Karoline Lemberg

From: Donald Ifshin

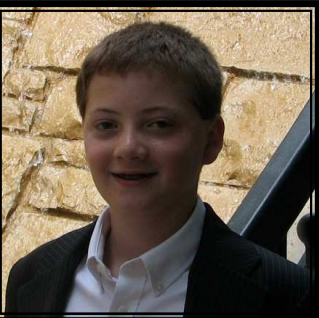
Morris Schindler

Morris Leon Schindler, 97, of Huntsville passed away Thursday, July 7, 2011. A graveside service was held on Sunday, July 10th at Machpelah Cemetery in Ferndale, Mich.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; sons, Irwin (Lalaine) Schindler and Dr. David (Nancy) Schindler; daughters, Roas (Dr. Richard Ng) Schindler and Janice (Jay) Blaha; stepchildren, Diane (John) Lakier and Dr. Jeffrey (Bridget) Lovinger; 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

We offer our sympathy to his family on their loss. May their memories always and forever be for a blessing.

Come Share Our Joy as We Celebrate The Bar Mitzvah of Our Son, Aaron Simon



We would be honored if you would join us in sharing our joy as our son, Aaron, becomes a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. Shabbat services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2011. We are extremely proud of all of his accomplishments and the journey that he has traveled to reach this milestone. In addition to his Jewish studies, Aaron is a

rising 8th grade honor student at Huntsville Middle School. His activities include playing trombone in the advanced band and playing baseball. We look forward to celebrating our special day with the congregation and all of our family and friends.

~ Benjamin and Marcy ~

Important Message From Rabbi Bahar

Please let me know if you are sick or if you know of someone who is sick. I would like to come and visit!

Refuah Shlemah

We wish all who are in need of healing a *refuah shlemah* speedy recovery



Temple Officers

President	Brad Lapidus		Trustees:
Vice-President	Larry Banks	David Block	David Berkowitz
Secretary	Michael Goodman	Jennifer Kaplan	Blair Eurton
Treasurer	Saul Ginsburg	Ann van Leeuwen	Sue Hassett
Past President	Richard Brooks	Lisa Walker	Fred Tamm-Daniels

Tot Shabbat

WOW!

Are you ready for my silly rhymes?
I'm ready to give you dates and times.

The time remains the same:
10:00-11:30AM on special Saturday mornings.

The place remains the same: Temple B'nai Sholom

Sept 10, 2011	Oct 15, 2011
Nov 19, 2011	Dec 3, 2011
Feb 4, 2012	Mar 3, 2012
Mar 31, 2012	May 12, 2012

Cut out the dates and stick them on the fridge. Then, you will be ready for our fun times.

These Tot Shabbats are designed for children younger than kindergarten age, but older siblings are welcome to attend and can do the activity or be a helper to their younger sibling. Each session deals with an aspect of Jewish life or holidays. Please feel comfortable to attend all or some of them because this is a good place to meet some of the parents your child's age. The main focus of the Tot Shabbats is to give your child a sense of who they are. I hope your child will want to spend time in the building and with the Rabbi. I hope to see my old friends. I hope to make some new friends.

~ Suzanne Druckman ~

Welcome to Mia Alizabeth Castellano



Pam and Ken Rhodes are thrilled to announce the birth of their second beautiful granddaughter in 8 months. Mia Alizabeth Castellano, 7 pounds, 18-1/2 inches, entered the world on July 8, 2011 at 10:55 PM. Mia's ecstatic parents are Doug and Alicia Castellano, and her excited half-brother is Korey Jacobs. Doug (Pam's son) is an Army Special Operations Medic in Civil Affairs at Ft Bragg, NC. Alicia is an RN who formerly worked at Huntsville Hospital. We welcome Mia to the world and wish a big Mazel tov to all.

August Birthdays



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It is my intention to create programming at the Temple this year that provides an opportunity for people to come together, to see each other. There will be an Introduction to Judaism which we will open to the public. There will be monthly business lunches at local restaurants near Research Park for our congregants to come together and discuss a little Jewish ethics over nosh. We will have Bagels and Current Events on Sunday morning during religious school for those parents who don't want to drop their kids off - but want to schmooze with other Jews. We are in the process of reinvigorating the Caring Committee, so that we can start to meet the needs of all our congregants by creating strong bonds between all of us.

I look forward to a fun filled year with you! I hope that the entire community will build strong, deep and lasting relationships around our Jewish family home.
~ Rabbi ~

August Anniversaries



Kowel Family Nachas



Stephen and Janis Kowel, former members at TBS who now live in Cincinnati, have several exciting news items to share with us. The first is a new grandbaby and the second is a wedding announcement. We all join in congratulating the Kowel family at this wonderful time.

NEW BABY – Rose Kowel Durbin and Matthew Durbin welcomed their daughter Eliana Rae on May 11. Rose and Matthew are both rabbis at Temple Beth El in Glens Falls, NY.

WEDDING – Elysia Beth Gruber and Eugene Simon Kowel were married on July 3 at Sunset Station in San Antonio. Rabbi Rose Durbin, a sister of the bridegroom, officiated with Rabbi Matthew Durbin, the

bridegroom's brother-in-law, taking part. The newlyweds live in the DC area, where the bride is studying for an MBA at U of P and the groom is a special agent for the FBI.



High Holiday Information

Watch your mailboxes for you High Holiday information package....coming soon!

Jerry Fishman Wins 2011 Shaw Prize



Below are excerpts from an article that appeared in the Huntsville Times announcing that our own Jerry Fishman was the 2011 co-winner, along with Enrico Costa, of the \$1 million Shaw Prize for their discoveries about gamma ray bursts. Jerry and Nancy will travel to Hong Kong in September to attend the award presentation. Congratulations and kudos to Jerry for this amazingly awesome honor.

"HUNTSVILLE, Alabama - A NASA astronomer from Huntsville will split \$1 million as one of this year's two winners of what has been called "Asia's Nobel Prize." Dr. Gerald "Jerry" Fishman shares the 2011 Shaw Prize with Italian astronomer Enrico Costa for their discoveries about gamma ray bursts. The three annual Shaw prizes are named for Hong Kong media mogul Sir Run Run Shaw. They have been given since 2004 to living scientists for accomplishments in astronomy, life sciences and medicine. "I was completely shocked," Fishman said Wednesday. "I didn't know I was nominated."

Gamma ray bursts were unknown until the 1960s... Gamma rays are one signature product of a nuclear blast...Fishman's high-altitude balloon experiments in the early 1970s at Teledyne Brown Engineering and Marshall Space Flight Center led to a gamma ray monitor developed at Marshall and launched from the space shuttle Atlantis in 1991... "(We) helped to show that gamma ray bursts are coming from the edges of the observable universe and are the brightest explosions in the sky," Fishman said of the work he and Costa did that led to the prize...Astronomers call the science of studying the big questions about the universe "cosmology," and the Shaw Prize judges said Fishman and Costa demonstrated that gamma ray bursts do originate at the very edge of the measurable universe...Fishman, a NASA astrophysicist since 1974, is currently a co-investigator on the Gamma-ray Burst Monitor, a key instrument aboard the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope.

"I am thrilled at the news of Dr. Fishman's award," said Dr. James Spann, manager of the Marshall Center's Science & Exploration Research Office. "The science we do at Marshall has a huge impact on our understanding of the universe in which we live, and Jerry Fishman is a crucial part of that success."

2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PICTURE TAKING SCHEDULE

This year we will be including a photo with each entry in the Membership Directory. If you have children we encourage a family picture but if you can't include the kids, we do want to have both husband and wife photographed together. Sara Crocker will take the pictures at the Temple on several different dates and times. To try and accommodate everyone, there are also other options to choose from. Since we are in the digital age, there is no charge for the pictures. When Sara takes them, you will immediately be able to select whichever entry you want us to use and can even be provided with personal online copies should you so desire. To give us an idea of how many people to expect at each sitting and how to schedule those who can't get to the Temple, please complete the form below and return it to Phyllis by August 3 at the latest. Thanks very much.

Sara Crocker - saracharlie@juno.com

Phyllis Goldberg - phyljo21@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I/we (husband & wife, with or without kids) will be at the Temple for picture taking on:

() Thursday August 4 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

() Thursday August 4 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

() Friday August 5 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

I/we are housebound and/or physically unable to get to the Temple:

() Please call **256.883.9663** to make an appointment for Sara to take pictures at my home

I/we are unavailable on any of the above dates and times:

() Please call Sara at **256.883.9663** to make alternate arrangements

I/we would prefer skipping the sessions and submitting our own photo:

() I will e-mail a JPEG photo directly to Sara



Uzi, Aiden, Rabbi, Nikita, and Joshua at Camp Jacobs

August 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	6
7	8 7:00 PM Tisha B'Av Service	9	10 Temple Board Meeting	11	12 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	13
14 10:00 AM NACHaS Registration 2:00—4:00 PM Sisterhood Tea	15	16 6:00 PM Intro to Judaism	17	18	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Service Aaron Simon's Bar Mitzvah	20 10 AM Aaron Simon's Bar Mitzvah
21 9:45 AM NACHaS 6:00 PM Night With The Chefs	22	23 6:00 PM Intro to Judaism	24	25	26 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	27 TBD Youth Group Event
28 9:45 AM NACHaS (ISJL Weekend)	29	30 6:00 PM Intro to Judaism	31			



Mark Your Calendars!!!
Reduced Prices

Fifth Spectacular

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Embassy Suites

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

*A Night
with
the
Chefs*

Cooking Demonstrations
Recipes
Cash Bar

Silent Auction
Prize Drawing
Dressy Casual Attire

Cash and Checks Only

**Classical Blues Cabaret - Wednesday
September 7th at 7 PM
Phil Weaver and
Microwave Dave Gallaher**



Temple B'nai Sholom is proud to announce that the Classical Blues Cabaret will be performing on Wednesday Sept 7th at 7PM at the Temple. The Classical Blues Cabaret began in 2004 as an experimental collaboration between blues guitarist Microwave Dave Gallaher and classical guitarist Phil Weaver in the form of a cabaret performance. Neither Dave nor Phil knew what would happen, but at the end of the show to a standing room only crowd, the audience was on its feet wanting more and

some were dancing at the side of the stage. They knew then that they were on to something. They now welcome pianist Ingrid Von Spakovsky, who has been a full member of the group for several seasons.

This is a show not to be missed- Blues, Samba, Flamenco, Jazz and Classical blended into a creative, incredible musical experience.

Tickets are \$ 20 per person. Reservations can be made at the Temple by calling 256-536-4771 or can be purchased at the door. If there are any questions please call Bob Druckman at 256-714-5155. See everyone there.



Sisterhood Membership Tea



Judy Kunitz has graciously offered her beautiful home as the setting for our annual Membership Tea. The best way to attract new members comes from the enthusiasm of current members. So please bring yourself and try to encourage a Temple non-Sisterhood member to come with you. The tea is always a fun event and this year we hope to have the best turnout ever. We have a wonderful season planned and look forward to seeing all our sisters at the meeting. Please save the date and a "real" invitation will arrive soon.

Date: Sunday August 14
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Place: Judy Kunitz
2415 Habersham
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

Dues: \$40 payable to Temple Sisterhood
Please be prepared to pay your dues at the tea (if not before)



Report From Sisterhood August 2011

The Temple Sisterhood finished up the 2010-11 year with a successful luncheon at The Ledges. Approximately 25 members met for lunch and elected the following officers for 2011-2012:

Steering Committee (in lieu of a president): Caroline Lampert, Barbara Lapidus, and Pam Rhodes

Vice-Presidents for Programs: Ann Lois Ballon, Darlene Gollop, and Lissa Wilson

Vice-President Fundraising: Sandra McGuire

Recording Secretary: Karen Turbiner

Treasurer: Barbara Ward

Membership: Clare Grisham

Temple Board Representative: Ann Van Leeuwen

Immediate Past President: Jodi Weiner.

Plans are under way for the annual **Membership Tea** on Aug. 14, at the home of Judy Kunitz, 2-4 p.m. A brief meeting will follow the social hour and the new officers will be installed.

The **Night With the Chefs** (postponed because of the storms) will be held Sunday evening, Aug. 21, 6:00-9:30, at the Embassy Suites Ruth's Chris, in the ballroom. Volunteers are still needed to assist with this event. Please call Fern Brazda or Marion Lapidus to volunteer. New invitations will be forthcoming.

A full schedule of Sisterhood activities will be published in the Yearbook.

WE NEED YOU!!!

Caroline Lampert, Barbara Lapidus, Pam Rhodes

Library Report

Ann van Leeuwen

*** When you see Cecily Hovanes, please thank her for her donation of books. At one time Cecily was the Temple librarian and still supports our library.

Silk Legacy by Richard Brawer

Gentlemen --- This is a chick book.

At the turn of the twentieth century, Abraham Bressler is smitten by Sarah Singer; a naïve well educated nineteen-year old. Abraham is a wheeler-dealer who has spent his life working to make his millions either above or under the table. He knows what he wants and will do what ever it takes to get it. Abraham knows at first sight that he wants Sarah for his wife. He tricks her into believing that he too believes that it is time for women to be come modern, to vote, and to assert themselves in the political arena. But, once they married, Abraham demands that she stay home and take care of "his" house and children. She might as well be a servant. Abraham succeeds in becoming a prosperous silk merchant providing for his wife and children every need, save one. Sarah's right to be involved in the women's movement.

Sarah loves her husband and must perform a delicate balancing act as she defies him to become involved in the suffrage movement attending a rally in Washington, DC and again when the Paterson silk mill workers go on strike.

Richard Silverman: "Silk Legacy is a fast moving, richly detailed sage. Brawer is a deft story teller with a knack for plot twists. Like a loom weaving strands of year to create a multicolored textured fabric, Brawer combines various plot and character elements to create a large variegated picture of American society at a combustible moment" New Jersey Jewish News.

~ Ann ~

Life in Mooresville, A Small Town

By Susan Goldby, Mayor



Living in a village of 60 people gives all sorts of life opportunities. The sense of community is very real when you are privileged (or doomed, whichever the occasion may be!) to know so much about your neighbors. It is nice to know who to call at 10 PM when you need an egg, aware of who is the night owl and whether they are likely to have one. Or who *not* to take brownies to when they return from a trip, being that diabetes is their health problem. Or whose dog just dug under your fence. It is equally valuable to know who has flatware for 100 when you are planning a party, or what garden is strutting the season's flowers if you need a quick arrangement for dinner, or who has a gator to haul things around town.

Living in Mooresville offers all this and more, and being mayor of the town, well, the returns are even greater. Our most recent satisfaction is that we were able to share proceeds from our biennial Walking Tour with tornado victims. Normally we do a festival every other May (odd year) to raise funds to maintain and repair our historic buildings. This year, being on the heels of tornado devastation around our state, we chose instead to donate our gate proceeds to VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) of Limestone County, who helped us choose a couple who had lost everything and were trying to rebuild their lives. The reward of trying to be good neighbors within our county was the smiles and hugs and deeply expressed gratitude after handing them a check of \$10,140.75.

Mooresville's claim to fame is that it is the oldest incorporated town in the state of Alabama, having been incorporated in 1818, a few months before Alabama became a state. Several of the original buildings are not only intact but used regularly. As a result of this history and our organic, functioning life, we have many opportunities to lead tour and school groups around town, sharing history and lore. Our post office is the oldest continually operating post office in the State, weddings galore grace our Brick Church, photographers love our venue, a small café serves lunch, and a candy store (Fridays and Saturdays) satisfies nostalgia. There you have it!

Temple B'nai Sholom has many connections to Mooresville. Over the years the Ballons, the Fishmans, the Grishams, have been frequent visitors and supporters. Many others have joined us on our Walking Tour. And now you know the mayor.....who you can call anytime for your own personal tour!

Mooresville is located at exit 2 off I- 565 toward Decatur.

Donated Item Policy Temple B'nai Sholom

Items Donated to the Temple are welcomed and truly appreciated. Over the years, Temple B'nai Sholom has been the benefactor of many donated items and the overwhelming generosity of congregants and the community-at-large, allows the Temple to continue to serve our members. The policy below has been adopted in order that items donated to the Temple are handled in a structured manner.

Donations of items that **meet the Temple's needs** will be accepted through the House & Grounds Committee. Any person wishing to make a donation, can contact the Temple Office with information about the item(s). This information will be forwarded to the Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee and the committee will decide if the item meets the above requirement. If the committee decides that the item(s) meet the Temple needs – they will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that the item(s) should be accepted.

Once an item(s) has been accepted, the Temple office will send out a thank you note acknowledging the donation and the gift will be listed in the following month's Temple Times. (unless donor request anonymity).

Once an item has been received, it is the sole property and responsibility of Temple B'nai Sholom and its Board of Directors.

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Temple Committees Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Caring Committee

It is the responsibility of this committee to work with Rabbi Bahar to provide assistance and comfort for those members of our Congregation who are in need. This assistance can take many forms, and may include coordination of meals for the sick or members who have recently suffered a loss in their families. It may include visits and/or communication with members who are ill or in need.

House & Grounds

This committee will help to insure the preservation of our beautiful and historic sanctuary along with our educational building. This committee will help to develop a yearly plan of maintenance that will insure that our building will continue to provide many years of service. This committee will also help coordinate the day-to-day activities of our janitorial and lawn contractors.

Our Religious Direction

This committee will conduct a thorough study of, investigation into the religious mission of our congregation and how that mission is put into practice in our religious services and other rituals.

Temple Directory

This committee will help to produce our Temple Directory. Responsibilities include: gathering of calendar information, gathering of congregational information, selling of ads to defray the cost of producing the yearbook.

Vision 2020

What do we want our Temple to look like in 2020 ? Where will we be in 2020 ? This committee will do some long range planning to try an answer these questions.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Committee Request : _____

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Placement of the item in the Temple facilities will be left to the discretion of the House & Grounds Committee.

This policy will apply to all items being donated to the Temple with the exception of those items specified for the Temple library. The library has its own policy to address these items.

DISCARDING MATERIALS

Due to space limitation and other circumstances, it may become necessary from time to time to weed the collection of donated items. It is the responsibility of the House & Grounds Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to what items will need to be removed from the Temple. The committee will also make a recommendation as to the manner in which these items are to be purged. Options will include (but not be limited to): Gift to a Charity, Gift to a School, Gift to a Non-Profit Organization, or the item could be sold with proceeds to benefit the Temple.

The following criteria determine which materials are to be weeded:

1. Does the Item still fulfill a current need of the Temple ?
 2. Is the item still in good and useful condition ?
- Is there space still available for the item within the Temple ?



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM



Starting August 16, 2011

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

- If you are Jewish and never paid attention in Sunday School...
 - If you are Jewish and need a refresher...
 - If you are interested in conversion...
- If you have friends or family members who are Jewish...
- If you are not Jewish and interested in learning more about Judaism...



THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!

15 weeks of basic Judaism to get you started

AND...

You do not have to commit to all 15 sessions

Feel free to drop in and out of the classes based on your interests

- | | |
|---|---|
| • August 16 - Basic Beliefs:
God, Torah, Israel | • October 11 - Rabbinic Literature:
Talmud, Midrash and more |
| • August 23 - Shabbat & Mitzvot | • October 25 - Mysticism |
| • August 30 - Prayer and liturgy | • November 1 - Life Cycle Rituals |
| • September 6 - Theology | • November 15 - Death and the Afterlife |
| • September 13 - High Holidays | • November 22 - History in a Nutshell |
| • September 20 - The Pilgrimage Festivals
(and other holidays) | • November 29 - Zionism and the State
of Israel |
| • October 4 - Introduction to Text:
Torah & Bible | • December 6 – Judaism & Christianity:
The December Dilemma |

If you are taking this course in its entirety, there are 3 books required/highly recommended:

1. *What is a Jew? A Guide to the Beliefs, Traditions, and Practices of Judaism that Answers Questions for Both Jew and Non-Jew*, Rabbi Morris Kertzer.
2. *Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism*, Stephen M. Wylen.
3. *Why Be Jewish?* David J. Wolpe

Please call the office (256 536 4771) to RSVP for the course so we can order the appropriate number of books. The cost of all three books should be between \$35-\$40.

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