



December at the South Street Temple

POP-UP SHABBAT DINNERS

When? Our next Pop-up Shabbat will be on **December 13, 2019**. We are still seeking at least one additional host home this month.

What? Pot-luck Shabbat dinners hosted in congregant's homes. Informal...friendly...relaxed get-togethers. A little ritual (blessings over candles, wine and challah) and plenty of socializing. Hosts only need to open the door with a smile and provide a set table. Guests bring an assigned dish to share.

Why? To break bread together, to have unexpected conversations, to experience the joy of Shabbat, to enjoy each other's company, and to meet someone new or to get to know each other in much deeper ways.

Options for Friday, December 13

- The home Anne & Robert Rickover: 6 guests, not wheelchair accessible, 1 dog, vegetarian dishes requested
- We are still seeking a second host household.
- **Reminder: NO Erev Shabbat Services at the Temple**

Guests: Contact the [Temple office](#) and let us know your preferred location, and then wait for further easy instructions. Sign-ups are on a first-response/first-reserved basis for each home.

Hosts: If you'd like to host, please e-mail your answers to the following questions to the [Temple office](#):

- What date(s) would you like to host?
- How many guests do you wish to invite?
- Are there any pets in your home? What kind and how many?
- Do you have any restrictions regarding smoking, fragrances, food, children, etc.?
- Is your home wheelchair accessible?

Hosts and attendees will receive more information during the planning process, including contact information, assignment of dinner locations, and a final reminder of what to bring the week of the dinner.

Upcoming dates:

- **2020:** January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10 (during Passover), May 8

ONEG HOSTING



Contact the [Temple Office](#) if you would like to host a December Oneg.

Open dates: December 6 and 27

TEMPLE GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is now open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays!

- Tuesday, 4 – 7 pm
- Friday, 5 – 6:30 pm
- Sunday, 11 am – 2 pm

If you can be a Gift Shop volunteer, please contact Johna Walker at 402-770-4189 or jlwalker2@gmail.com or giftshop@southstreettemple.org



BIKUR CHOLIM – VISITING THE SICK

Rabbi Appleby makes *bikur cholim* visits and phone calls but can only do so if she knows that someone is ill or is in the hospital. Due to HIPAA patient privacy laws, the only time a hospital will inform us about a congregant is if the patient lists the Temple as his/her congregation.

If you, a loved one, or a friend would like the Rabbi to make a *bikur cholim* visit or phone call, please let Rabbi Appleby know. Call the Temple office at 402-435-8004 or e-mail rabbi@southstreettemple.org



A Message From Our New Board President

I am honored to serve as President of the South Street Temple. This is an exciting time for our community and my focus will be on ensuring the South Street Temple and its members are thriving. In addition to this role, I serve as the administrator at the Lincoln Jewish Community School and direct human resources work at the Lincoln-based nonprofit, Civic Nebraska. I'm joined on the Executive Committee by Dan Senft, Vice President; Elaine Monnier, Treasurer; and Julie Moore, Secretary.

At the Annual Meeting the Board shared a presentation about our membership demographics and financial position. The trends are concerning, and it will be a top priority for us to address them head-on. That said, with our membership numbers and dues pledges declining, it is especially important that we continue to support the Temple. I encourage you to complete your dues pledge form for 2020 and to donate to the Eternal Lights campaign at a level that is meaningful to you. Additionally, please complete your Small Group Initiative form as engaged members are the very essence of the South Street Temple.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm and I encourage all who are interested to attend; you make the difference and your guidance and participation is essential to our vibrant, inclusive spiritual community. If you have a matter that you would like the Board to consider please submit the topic along with the amount of time you wish to have allocated to the issue so that it can be added to the agenda. All new business items must be submitted in advance to ensure the Board has time for thoughtful consideration. Be on the lookout for enhanced board communication in 2020, including sharing of agendas and meeting minutes.

We welcome all to help guide us to a bright future. I am grateful for each of you and for all that you do.

Shalom,

Nichollette Seigfreid

President - Board of Trustees

From the Rabbi's Study

My Tzedakah Fund



I was very surprised by a phone conversation I once had with a congregant. She was calling about making some donations to the Temple and wanted to know why we didn't have any kind of fund to help congregants who had financial needs.

I was surprised, because we do have such a fund: the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. The congregant thought this fund was for *tzedakah* projects outside the Temple. I let her know – and I want to let you know - that the purpose of my Discretionary Fund is to help members of our congregation as well as to support outside causes which I deem worthy.

My Fund is there to help pay rent, medical bills, veterinary bills, and to provide food gift cards. It's there for scholarships to Jewish camps or trips to Israel for our youth. It's there to help fund special projects at the Temple. I do make donations to organizations such as the Lincoln Food Bank and other worthy cause in the area, but the fund is primarily there to help our B'nai Jeshurun family.

The word *tzedakah* means righteousness and justice. As Jews, we are obligated to help those in need. That's why my Discretionary Fund was established.

If you, or someone you know, needs some financial assistance please contact me. Rest assured, all conversations and disbursements from my Discretionary Fund are confidential.

And for those of you who make donations to my fund – thank you for this *mitzvah*.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Appleby

Giving

Thank You for These Recent Contributions

Building Fund

The Simon & Estelle Kominsky Fund,
via the Lincoln Community Foundation

Eternal Light 2019

Harriet Grossbart
Sandy Grossbart & Priscilla Henkelmann
Bob & Mary Nefsky
Randy Reinhart & Gina Matkin
Sue Schreiber
Bob & Dottie Shapiro
Eleanor Nefsky Singer, celebrating her 85th birthday
Barb Straus & Scott Stanfield

Eternal Light 2019

Ralph Stump
Lisa Woodward
Art & Chris Zygielbaum

Memorial Fund

Bruce Teichman
Rabbi Michael Weisser, in memory of Louis Weisser,
Julius Weisser & Frank Weisser

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Audrey G. Sachs, in memory of Joseph Goldberg
Ralph Stump, in memory of Joseph David Goldberg

Youth & Adult Education

LJCS NEWS

Religious School classes will meet at their usual times and locations in December. Note that there will be **no LJCS classes on Sunday, December 22, 29, or January 5, and no Hebrew School classes on Wednesday, December 25 or January 1.** Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 8.**

THIS MONTH'S TORAH PORTIONS

December 7 / 9 Kislev – Vayetzei: [Genesis 28:10 – 32:3](#)
December 14 / 16 Kislev – Vayishlach: [Genesis 32:4 – 36:43](#)
December 21 / 23 Kislev – Vayeshev: [Genesis 37:1 – 40:23](#)
December 28 / 30 Kislev – Miketz: [Genesis 41:1 –44:17](#)

Read more at the [URJ's Torah Study page](#)

TWO UPCOMING ADULT ED CLASSES FOR 2020

Intro to Judaism: Are you an interfaith couple, a non-Jew considering conversion or just curious, or a Jew looking for a refresher course about Jewish culture, thought and practice? Our 15-session course, which meets on Tuesday nights beginning on **January 14, 2020 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm**, will cover a wide range of topics essential to Jewish life.. Interested students should register for the class and purchase the books ASAP because there will be a reading assignment for the first class.

Adult Beginning Hebrew: Here's your chance to learn our sacred Jewish language. This class is for the *absolute* beginner. You'll acquire reading accuracy and fluency by recognizing the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet and how they combine with vowels to produce syllables, words and phrases.

More information at <https://southstreettemple.org/learning/adults/adult-education/>

To register: please contact the Temple office: 402-435-8004 or office@southstreettemple.org



LADIES' LUNCH



There were 4 of us Tuesday at Copal Progressive Mexican Cuisine. We had a good time and an excellent lunch.

We will meet again at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, December 17** at [Hiro 88, 5730 Hidcote Drive](#) (near 56th and Pine Lake Road).

Let [Deborah Swearingen](#) (402-476-7528) know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride.

GAME NIGHT



December's monthly Potluck Dinner and Game Night will take place on **Saturday, December 21 at 6:00 pm**. All are welcome!

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

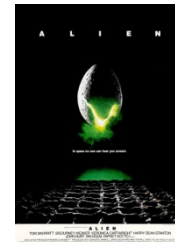


Join us for Erev Shabbat Service on **Friday, December 27** beginning at **6:30 pm**. The amazing **Star City Kochavim** will be playing all your favorite Hanukkah songs, and we'll enjoy latkes and other treats afters ervice in the Social Hall.

MOVIE NIGHT

This month's Double Feature: **It! The Terror From Beyond Space** (1958), "starring" Marshall Thompson and Shawn Smith, paired with **Alien** (1979) starring Sigourney Weaver and John Hurt (experiencing a touch of indigestion...)

Saturday, December 28 at 6:30 pm in the Temple Social Hall.



Prayer, Life Cycle & Simcha

Service Times

Erev Shabbat Service: Friday evenings, beginning at **6:30 pm**

Oneg Shabbat follows service in the Social Hall. Please contact the Temple office if you are interested in sponsoring or hosting an Oneg

Note: There will be **NO Erev Shabbat services** at the Temple on **Friday, December 13** (Pop-up Shabbat).

Shabbat Morning Service: Saturday mornings, beginning at **9:30 am**

Torah Study: Saturdays following the morning service, beginning at around **10:45 am**

Mi Shebeirach prayers: If you or someone you know would like to be added to our list of prayers for healing, read at each service, please contact the Temple office at office@southstreettemple.org or **402-435-8004** If you have something to celebrate or commemorate, please notify the Temple office. If you wish to commemorate important milestones in the lives of family and friends, please consider a tax-deductible gift to the Temple. An acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree, and a notice will appear in the Temple bulletin.

You can specify that your donation be "In Honor of," "In Memory of," or "On Occasion of." Simply send a check or direct an online bank payment to: South Street Temple (ATTENTION:Treasurer) 2061 South 20th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-2712.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Our Congregation

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Teri Appleby, rabbi – rabbi@southstreettemple.org
Peter Mullin, office administrator –
office@southstreettemple.org
Office hours 1:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday

Executive Committee for 2020:

Nicholette Seigfreid – President
president@southstreettemple.org
Dan Senft – Vice President
Julie Moore – Secretary
Elaine Monnier – Treasurer



Board Members:

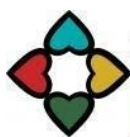
Maria Cadwallader
Leslie Delserone
Aimee Hyten
Nathaniel Kaup
Anne Rickover
Art Zygielbaum

Branch Heads:

Chesed (Caring): Anne Rickover
Gevurah (Sustainability): Vacant
Hod (Communications): Maria Cadwallader
Malchut (Building and Grounds): Dan Senft
Netzach (Special Events): Aimee Hyten
Ruach (Spirit): Elaine Monnier
Yasod (Foundation): Art Zygielbaum

Social Action

CLINIC WITH A HEART



Clinic with a
HEART

Providing basic necessities such as full-size toiletries and over-the-counter medication is a rewarding way to support a family this holiday season. Your gifts are more than just a kind gesture - they represent the joy, hope, and peace that everyone deserves. Simply follow these steps to get started:

Select your items. Review the list below of our most current most-needed requests and decide what you'd like to donate. You may buy as few or as many items as you like, but please make sure that everything is new.

- Cold and sinus tablets
- Cough syrup
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Ibuprofen (Advil)
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Bus passes
- Gift cards
- Lip balm

Gift cards are vital because they give our patients the power to choose how to use your gift. Increments of up to \$25 are preferred. If you feel moved to donate more than \$25, please break the amount into multiple cards of \$25 or less so that we can ensure all clients receive equal gifts. Most-needed gift cards include Super Saver, Super C, Casey's, Russ's and Hy Vee.

Make your purchase and deliver! Please schedule your gift drop-off as soon as possible. Email Ronald at ronald@clinicwithaheart.org or call 402-404-0454 at

your earliest convenience to schedule your gift drop-off date and time.

Thank you! Your donations are so very much appreciated!

Are you interested in being part of the South Street Temple's volunteer team? Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. We appreciate all the ways that our members and friends participate. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Straus at barbstraus@gmail.com.

FEDERATION



The mission of the Jewish Federation of Lincoln is to inspire generosity, improve lives, and strengthen our Jewish community within a framework of Jewish values. Our vision is a Jewish community united in tzedakah to support Jews locally and worldwide.

Join the Federation this year to help!

You can contribute by mailing your donation to:
Jewish Federation of Lincoln
P.O. Box 67218
Lincoln, NE 68506-7218

THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE / THE POWER OF
COMMUNITY

FEEDING THE KIDS AT F STREET



Our Lincoln Jewish community helps to plan meals, find volunteers, and serve a meal to the youth at F Street once a month. As head of our group, Aimee Hyten feels it is a great opportunity to ensure children are not going hungry in our community. "It is fun to make something healthy that the kids enjoy eating" she says. "Plus all the Jewish youth and volunteers really enjoy interacting with the children at F Street. It is a great way to show your family, friends, and neighbors that the Jewish community enjoys giving back."

If you would like to donate funds to this program and help continue this mitzvah, please contact Elaine Monnier at treasurer@southstreettemple.org or call Peter Mullin at 402-435-8004.

*We will serve our next meal on
December 15 at 2:30 pm*

*For more information, contact
Aimee Hyten at aimee.hyten@gmail.com*

Life Cycles

December Birthdays

- December 1:** Sarah Zlotsky-Hoagland
- December 5:** Sofia Matos
- December 6:** Maggie Gordon
- December 7:** Mari Malcom
- December 8:** David Hyten
- December 9:** Jennifer Williss
- December 14:** Eleanor Senft, Ailyne Swartz Taylor
- December 17:** Judy Zlotsky
- December 18:** Dale Lobb, Stacy Waldron
- December 19:** Nanci Hamicksburg
- December 20:** Randall McHargue
- December 24:** Nathaniel Kaup
- December 28:** Pat Cronin



December Anniversaries

- December 20:** Edmar & Lidiana Matos

☆ **Upcoming Yahrzeits** ☆

December 1-7, 2019

Mitzi Bernstein
Edmund George Dittmer
Frida Schlesinger Drew
Paul Donald Gordon
David Jacobs
Nella S. Kohn
Elton Lyles
LaVica Malcom
Charles Mayer
David Nefsky
Bertha L. Newmark
Robert J. "Ollie" O'Toole
Manassah Scheuerman
Sara Simon
Sara I. Simon
David Storch
Irma Waldron
Jerry Weitzman

December 8-14, 2019

Esther Arbeitman
Carrie Bixler
Kate Cohen
Linda Dawson
Rosalind Dubinsky
William Gold
Sidney Kaplan

December 8-14, 2019

Edwin Katskee
Dorothy H. Kohn
E.J. Lehmann
Louis Leviticus
Charles Mayer
Jack Meyer
Jacob Meyer
Quentin Mortensen
Claudette Ann Mullinaux
Marlene Thompson
Abraham Wittenberg

December 15-21, 2019

Marilyn Bornstein
Emma Davidson
Sara Friend
Si Kominsky
Florence H. Lieberman
Pauline Lipkin
Louis Lynn Lundholm
Nancy Murray
Helen Sherman Neff
Samuel Harris Nefsky
David Nelson
Sheldon Raphael
Theodore Roberts
Trudy Rosenbaum
Sarah Lea Rosenberg

December 15-21, 2019

John Sandlovich
Fannie Schanfarber
Jake Shkolnick
Addie Simon

December 22-28, 2019

Edgar Adler
Samuel Bervin
Stephanie Dohner
Rabbi Robert Kaiser
Hyman Kaufman
Bessie Lerner
Rosalind Pepperberg
Louis Plotkin
Charles Schimmel

Dec. 29, 2019 – Jan. 4, 2020

Robert Appleby
Clarian Cadwallader
Ethel Olive Menuey Cadwallader
Pauline Mayer Gold
Sophie Kenyon
Hilary Lewis
Simon David Mayer
Rudolph Rosenthal
Frank Smalkin
Helen Brownstein Smalkin
Barbara Chesen Zeavin



Zichronam livracha: May their memories be for blessing

Calendar

SERVICES / TORAH STUDY / UPCOMING EVENTS

[with events/activities for the home]

Sunday, December 1 – No LJCS classes

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 pm – Federation Board meeting at Tifereth Israel

Friday, December 6 – Maggie Gordon Bat Mitzvah

[Candlelighting for Shabbat at **4:40 pm**]

6:30 pm – Erev Shabbat Service

7:30 pm – Oneg (host needed!)

**Saturday, December 7 – Maggie Gordon Bat Mitzvah
– No Torah Study**

[Havdalah (72 minutes) at **6:10 pm**]

10:00 am – Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, December 8

1:30 pm – LJCS Board Meeting at Temple

**Monday, December 9 – Rabbi Appleby Away at URJ
Biennial**

Tuesday, December 10 – URJ Biennial

Wednesday, December 11 – URJ Biennial

Thursday, December 12 – URJ Biennial

Friday, December 13 – Pop-Up Shabbat Dinners – No

Service at Temple – URJ Biennial

[Candlelighting for Shabbat at 4:41 pm]

{Location 1: TBD}

{Location 2: TBD}

Saturday, December 14 – URJ Biennial

[Havdalah (72 minutes) at 6:11 pm]

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service

10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Vayishlach

Sunday, December 15 – URJ Biennial

2:30 pm – Feeding the Kids at F Street Rec Center

Tuesday, December 17

12:00 n – Ladies’ Lunch at TBD

Friday, December 20

[Candlelighting for Shabbat at 4:43 pm]

6:30 pm – Erev Shabbat Service

7:30 pm – Oneg (hosted by Bryan Gordon)

Saturday, December 21 – Winter begins

[Havdalah (72 minutes) at 6:14 pm]

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service

10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Vayeshev

6:00 pm – Pot Luck Dinner & Game Night

Sunday, December 22 – Erev Hanukkah – No LJCS classes

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:14 pm: 1 candle]

Monday, December 23 – Hanukkah

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:15 pm: 2 candles]

Tuesday, December 24 – Hanukkah

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:15 pm: 3 candles]

Wednesday, December 25 – Hanukkah – Temple Office closed – No LJCS classes

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:16 pm: 4 candles]

Thursday, December 26 – Hanukkah – No LJCS classes

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:16 pm: 5 candles]

Friday, December 27 – Hanukkah

[Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 4:46 pm: 6 candles; candlelighting for Shabbat at 4:47 pm]

6:30 pm – Hanukkah Celebration with the Star City Kochavim and Dinner

Saturday, December 28 – Hanukkah

[Havdalah (72 minutes) at 6:18 pm; candlelighting for Hanukkah at 4:46 pm: 7 candles]

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service

10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Miketz

6:30 pm – Movie night

Sunday, December 29 – Hanukkah – Rosh Chodesh Tevet – No LJCS classes

Candlelighting for Hanukkah at 6:16 pm: 8 candles]

Monday, December 30 – Eighth Day of Hanukkah – Rosh Chodesh Tevet

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