



January at the South Street Temple

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Join us for dinner and featured speaker **Tal Schneider**, Chief Diplomatic and Political Correspondent for Israel's financial daily, *Globes*

Ms. Schneider is visiting us prior to heading to Des Moines to cover the Iowa Caucus for her Israeli newspaper.

Her topic for the evening:

“Israeli society at a crossroads. A look at Israel's four principal sectors: the national-religious, the secular, Arabs, and the ultra-orthodox through President Rivlin's lens”

When: Friday evening, **January 31, 2020**

Where: **Tifereth Israel Synagogue (NO services at the Temple)**

Time: Dinner at 6:30 pm, with our guest speaker (and Q & A) to follow.

No charge to attend but RSVPs required by **January 26** to either congregational office

Event Sponsors:

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Congregation Tifereth Israel, and the Jewish Federation of Lincoln



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POP-UP SHABBAT DINNERS

When? Our next Pop-up Shabbat will be on **January 10, 2020**. 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, January 10

- We are still seeking households for January.
- **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:** February 14, March 13, April 10 (during Passover), May 8

URJ Biennial Take-Aways, Part One



Inspired by the advice from *Pirke Avot* (the *Sayings of our Fathers*, which is found in the *Mishnah*) - "Don't separate yourself from the community" - four of us (myself, Jon Leo, Nicholette Seigfreid, and Elaine Monnier) traveled to Chicago in December for the 2019 URJ Biennial. We gathered with 5000

other Reform Jews from throughout North America as well as Israel, Australia, Europe, and South America). During the numerous workshops, intensives, plenaries, t'filah options, after-hour programs, and unstructured time, we came together to explore and renew our Jewish lives. We shared our challenges, best practices, and experiments in areas ranging from social justice, congregants' engagement, leadership development, Jewish education, inclusion, and worship. We studied together and learned from some of the best minds in our movement. We listened to the latest in Jewish music. We shopped (or at least, window-shopped) from some of the most interesting Judaica artists and booksellers. And, we came together to celebrate Shabbat.

In the next few months, I will share with you some of my key takeaways from the Biennial (I hope Nicholette, Elaine, and Jon will do the same). I'll also share with you the URJ's invitations to become more involved, engaged and committed to various aspects of Jewish life.

Resolutions

At every Biennial, delegates from every congregation have the opportunity to vote on resolutions. These resolutions can be submitted by individuals, by congregations, or by the Commission on Social Action. In 2019, three resolutions were submitted and passed.

Supporting Those Affected by the Opioid Crisis. This resolution calls for (1) substance abuse to be addressed as an individual and public health issue, and not as a criminal issue; (2) congregations to end the stigma around substance abuse and to recognize it as a medical condition; (3) government and law enforcement at all levels to address the crisis by supporting evidence-based treatment, education, and access to overdose medications; and (4) Reform congregations to educate their members about substance abuse disorders, include overdose medications in emergency kits, and to advocate for policies consistent with this resolution.

Private Prisons: This resolution was submitted by nine congregations in Illinois. It (1) calls for federal and state governments to phase out contracts with private prisons and detention centers; (2) supports a legislative ban on building new private prisons and detention centers; (3)

encourages congregations and congregants to join efforts to close private prisons; and (4) resolves to continue to work toward a more just criminal justice system.

The Study and Development of Reparations for Slavery and Systemic Racism in the U.S. This resolution (1) advocates for the creation of a federal commission to study and develop proposals for reparations to redress historic and continuing effects of slavery; (2) urges congregations and their members to take active steps to redress the destructive effects of historic and ongoing racism through education and conversations within our congregations and communities; and (3) commits to ongoing assessments and evaluations to strengthen our institutions' efforts to combat implicit and explicit bias and promote racial equity.

And yet... Implicit Bias & Racism at Biennial

Despite the above resolution, despite workshops on implicit bias and anti-racism, despite keynote speakers who were Jews of color, and despite URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs explicitly calling out the need for Reform Jews to acknowledge and embrace the presence of Jews of color in our congregations and throughout our movement, there was racism at the Biennial. On RavKav, a discussion platform for CCAR rabbis, some very disturbing stories were shared.

An African American Jewish presenter was told that the "real" [name] needed to pick up her Biennial credentials. When she replied that *she* was the real [name], the response was "Really!?" No apology. Twice, despite wearing her large badge with PRESENTER in bold, she was assumed to be hotel staff and told to make sure rooms service orders were delivered more quickly. Many times, she was asked "what are you doing here?" and "what could you possibly have to talk about?"

A rabbi, with two women of color among his delegation of 13, shared similar stories: one woman was asked for her ID when picking up her credentials (her white husband standing next to her was not asked for his). Several times both women both were assumed to be employees, instead of attendees, and were asked to clean something up. When corrected, no apologies. Statements like: "you can't be Jewish," "you must be a convert," "which one of your parents is Jewish?" were made.

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From the Rabbi's Study continued

I am proud to be a Reform Jew, but I am appalled and saddened by the experiences of these Jews of color. The Reform movement identifies and prides itself as being inclusive and diverse. Rabbi Jacobs' stated goal is *audacious hospitality*. We have a long way to go, to truly embrace those on the margins: Jews of color or other marginalized groups. Demographic studies tell us that 20% of the Jewish community are Jews of color. But most of them are invisible to the white majority. We can do better. We must do better. It's time to get educated; to become aware of our implicit and explicit biases.

At Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, I think we do a pretty good job of welcoming and embracing diversity, but we can probably do even better. I'd like to begin by offering an Bias Awareness workshop. If you have any other ideas on how to proceed, please share them with me. If you ever experience bias inside or outside of the Jewish community, please let me know. We must never remain silent.

Let's talk ... let's take action.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Appleby

ONEG HOSTING



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

Open dates: **January 3 and 17**

TEMPLE GIFT SHOP

Please note: The Gift Shop will be closed for restocking and inventory during January 2020. Look for our Grand Reopening announcement in February!

Regular hours:

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



If you would like to be a Gift Shop volunteer, please contact Johna Walker at 402-770-4189, or e-mail jlwalker2@gmail.com / giftshop@southstreettemple.org

What's Up with our Shared Interest Groups?



The *Gachliliót* (fireflies) group held our first meeting after Torah Study on November 23. We chose the name because we're interested in anything and everything Jewish, which

means we'll be flitting from topic to topic. *Gachliliót* also comes from the Hebrew root for "sparks/sparking/instigating" and we hope we will be sparking things and spreading at least cheerful spots of light.

Every group needs a purpose. Ours is to learn all sorts of Jewish things but, beyond that, to get to know each other well and become good friends who support each other and are kindly with each other when we disagree as well as when we agree. Our group will be a safe space for discussing anything we want.

We will bring information and potential activities to our meetings, related to the coming Jewish month, asking

questions such as how could/should/is or isn't this relevant to us, how will we do something with the information, etc. Some possibilities: facts about the coming month's holidays/customs/foods/traditions in various places, etc., and the values they emphasize; music; arts; crafts; recipes; social action issues. We can also plan to do things individually or as a group, and we will share what we learned with the larger Jewish community and welcome others who want to participate.

So far, *Gachliliót* include Maria Cadwallader, Ginger Colton, Bryan Gordon, Nanci and Lily Hamicksburg, Maya Khasin, Catherine Petersen, Ailyne Swartz Taylor, John Taylor, and Emily Wynn. On the 23rd we learned about Jill Hammer's *Jewish Book of Days* and decided to celebrate Hanukkah together and learn more about its month, Cheshvan. We are also preparing for what we learn and do together during the month of Tevet.

Maria Cadwallader

Thank You for These Recent Contributions

Building Fund

Anonymous
Marcia Wallen, in memory of Si Kominsky

Capital Campaign

Ken Bloom & Sarah Kelen

Eternal Light 2019

Anonymous
Penny Berger, in memory of Sam & Pauline Lipkin, and
of Stephen Kalish
Bob & Stacie Bleicher
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Leslie Delserone & Peter Mullin
Ava Draper-Moore
Ben & Elaine Gelber
Sandy Grossbart & Priscilla Henkelmann
Deborah & Peter Levitov
Richard & Sheila Roessle
Audrey G. Sachs, in memory of Richard Irwin Sachs and
of Radene Stump

General Fund

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Arnold Radloff, in memory of Miriam Radloff

Hanukkah Dinner Support

Alicia Chapelle
Lisa Woodward

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Bryan Gordon, in memory of Rena Carruth Schultz

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of Radene Stump
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Social Action

Bryan Gordon, in memory of Stephen Phillip Gordon

Youth & Adult Education

LJCS NEWS

Religious School classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 8** and will meet at their usual times and locations in January. Note that there will be **no LJCS classes** on **Sunday, January 19**.

THIS MONTH'S TORAH PORTIONS

January 4 / 7 Tevet – Vayigash: [Genesis 44:18 – 47:27](#)
January 11 / 14 Tevet – Vayechi: [Genesis 47:28 – 50:26](#)

~ Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik! ~

January 18 / 21 Tevet – Shemot: [Exodus 1:1 – 6:1](#)
January 25 / 28 Tevet – Vaera: [Exodus 6:2 – 9:35](#)

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



TWO 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

Community & Events

GAME NIGHT



January's monthly Potluck Dinner and Game Night will take place on **Saturday, January 18 at 6:00 pm**. All are welcome!

JEWISH BOOK CLUB



We will meet **Sunday, January 19**, at **1:30 pm** at [Gere Library](#) to discuss [The Girl From Venice](#) by Martin Cruz Smith

Our March meeting will be **Sunday, March 22 at 1:30 pm** at the home of Sadie Wilson, [6112 South 25th Street](#), to discuss [Tattooist Of Auschwitz](#) by Heather Morris.

JEWISH WOMEN'S LUNCH

There were five of us at Hiro 88 on December 17. We missed the two who called in sick and wish them well.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, January 21** at [Sebastian's Table, 8340 Glynoaks Drive](#) (West of 84th between Pioneers Boulevard and Old Cheney).

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



MOVIE NIGHT

This month's Double Feature: **Casablanca** (1942), starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, paired with the Marx Brothers' **A Night in Casablanca** (1946). This is a colorization-free event.

Join us on **Saturday, January 25 at 6:30 pm** in the Temple Social Hall!



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

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 service** at the Temple on **Friday, January 10** (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.

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Executive Committee for 2020:
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Ruach (Spirit): Elaine Monnier
Yasod (Foundation): Art Zygielbaum

Social Action

CLINIC WITH A HEART



Clinic with a
HEART

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

2020 FEDERATION CAMP GRANTS

All Federation families are eligible for **Camp Incentive Grants of \$300 per camper** to pay the initial camp registration deposit. Additional camp scholarships beyond the incentive grants are available based on need and require submission of a [Scholarship Application](#)

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. This is a great opportunity to ensure children are not going hungry in our community. Aimee Hyten says, "All the Jewish youth and volunteers really enjoy interacting with the children at F Street."

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

January Birthdays

January 8: Maya Khasin, John Mosow

January 9: Ben Gelber

January 14: Dahlia, Gilad & Lily Hamicksburg; John Taylor

January 24: Elaine Monnier

January 26: Poppy Dishman, Margaret Smith

January 27: Sara Siedband

January 28: David Lee Hyten

January 31: Lon Hollibaugh



January Anniversaries

January 15: Lori & Mark Schwartz

☆ Upcoming Yahrzeits ☆

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

January 5-11, 2020

Dorothy Appleby

Bertha Meyers Gaba

Hugo Kaufman

Florence Lehmann

Edward Isaac Nathan

Ira P. Schreiber

Gerry Schuchman

Rebecka Storch

January 5-11, 2020

Josephine Wilson

January 12-18, 2020

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Josephine Dorant

Linda Emery

Victor E. Friend

Aline Koemer

Joseph Lapin

Rose Schwartz Levin

Stuart Muskin

Nick Pels

Rebecca A. Routbart Simons

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January 19-25, 2020

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Doris Schimmel Chesen

Evelyn Gidlow

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Rae Lang

Estelle N. Mayer

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January 19-25, 2020

Leo Monnier

Amy Evelyn Nelson

Solly S. Storch

Nancy Sands

Ronald Whalen

Elaine Wolf

Paul Zygielbaum

January 26-February 1, 2020

Martin Berlowitz

Margaret Bloom

William Schimmel Chesen

Yale Kully

Johnny Dale Matkin

Rabbi Elihu Milder

Anne Nefsky Nathan

Anna Kendis Nefsky

Oliver Pocras

Tillie B. Roth

Lilyan Schwartz

Raymond Wall



Zichronam livracha: May their memories be for blessing

SERVICES / TORAH STUDY / UPCOMING EVENTS
[with events/activities for the home]

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day – Temple
Office Closed – No LJCS Classes

Friday, January 3
 [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **4:54 pm**]
6:30 pm – First Friday Family Shabbat Service
7:30 pm – Oneg (**host needed!**)

Saturday, January 4
 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at **6:24 pm**]
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Vayigash

Sunday, January 5 – LJCS classes resume

Tuesday, January 7 – Fast of the 10th of Tevet
6:30 pm – Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday, January 9
7:00 pm – Pulpit Committee/Ruach Branch meeting

Friday, January 10 – Pop-Up Shabbat Dinners – No
Service at Temple
 [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **5:00 pm**]

Saturday, January 11
 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at **6:31 pm**]
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Vayechei

Tuesday, January 14
6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism

Friday, January 17 – Shabbat Tzedek
 [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **5:08 pm**]
6:30 pm – Erev Shabbat Service
7:30 pm – Oneg (**host needed!**)

Saturday, January 18 – Shabbat Tzedek
 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at **6:39 pm**]

9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Shemot
6:00 pm – Potluck Dinner & Game Night

Sunday, January 19 – No LJCS Classes
2:30 pm – Feeding the Kids at F Street Rec Center

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21
12:00 n – Ladies’ Lunch at Sebastian’s Table
6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism

Friday, January 24
 [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **5:16 pm**]
6:30 pm – Erev Shabbat Service
7:30 pm – Oneg (hosted by Elaine Monnier)

Saturday, January 25
 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at **6:47 pm**]
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Vaera
6:30 pm – Movie Night

Monday, January 27 – Rosh Chodesh Shevat
12:00 n – Rabbi Appleby at Doane University
7:00 pm – Rabbi Appleby at Holy Friends, Bryan West

Tuesday, January 28
6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism

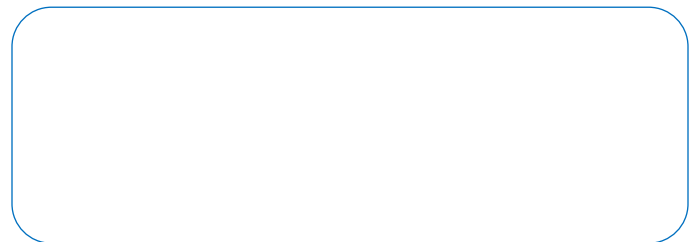
Wednesday, January 29
6:30 pm – Sheridan Lutheran Confirmation Class Visit

Friday, January 31 – Jewish Community Event – No
Services at Temple
 [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **5:25 pm**]
6:30 pm – Dinner & Guest Speaker Tal Schneider at
 Tifereth Israel



Rabbi Appleby finds the Temple's leaf in Chicago (photo courtesy Jonathan Leo)

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Below the Fold (Online Edition Exclusive)

Photo caption contest! Email the **Temple Office** with your cleverest caption for this photo taken by Jon Leo at Biennial last month. The top three winners will each receive a prize. We're not sure what the prizes might be, but they'll be **fabulous!**



Contest deadline: **Friday, January 31**. Winners will be announced in the **February Bulletin!**