South Street Temple Bulletin

April at the South Street Temple

TEMPLE NEWS: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The South Street Temple continues to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in Lincoln and across Nebraska. We are relying upon state, national and international medical experts for direction, and are making every effort to stay up-to-date and adjust our policies and procedures.

Contacting the Temple:

- Temple Office: The office will be open during regular office hours - 1:00-5:00 pm, Monday - Friday - as usual. Feel free to call 402-435-8004; you can also email office@southstreettemple.org at any time.
- Rabbi Appleby: Email <u>rabbi@southstreetttemple.org</u> or call her at 423-763-8007.

Services, classes, and events: At this time, we feel that the best way to continue with our usual Temple activities, while minimizing the risk of exposure, is to offer our members and friends some updated alternatives to gathering in person:

- Friday evening and Saturday morning services will be offered by <u>live stream</u> only. Service times will be as usual: Fridays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 9:30 am. Access the our webstream at https://southstreettemple.org/worship/streaming/
- **Torah Study** will also continue, but will be offered as a weekly Zoom session, facilitated by Rabbi Appleby. Please contact the <u>Temple office</u> as soon as possible if you would like to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session. Links to upcoming Torah portions on Sefaria.org can be found in the "This Shabbat" and "Next Shabbat" sections of the weekly email newsletter.
- Our regular Introduction to Judaism and Adult Hebrew classes will also be offered remotely *via* Zoom until further notice. Rabbi Appleby will share details and materials with those registered for the classes prior to each session.
- If you'd like to borrow a copy of our siddur, Mishkan T'filah, to follow along from home when watching our webstream, you may do so by arranging a visit to the <u>Temple office</u>. However, if you would prefer not to handle one of our communal prayerbooks, you can access an <u>online copy of Mishkan T'filah here</u>. You can also purchase a <u>copy for Kindle here</u>. Rabbi

Appleby has also developed a special South Street Temple service booklet incorporating the most frequently used portions of our prayerbook. Copies are available to all who want them.

• The CDC is urging organizations to cancel or postpone gatherings of 50 or more people. As of March 25, the City of Lincoln is enforcing this limit. Accordingly, we will NOT host our annual Second Night Seder at the Temple this year. Links to Passover resources and activities will be shared, and suggestions for such resources are welcomed!

POP-UP SHABBAT DINNERS

When? Our next Pop-up Shabbat will be on April 10, 2020, and at least one additional host is needed!

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 may 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, April 10

- The home of Rabbi Appleby and Jon Leo, who will be hosting during the week of Passover and sharing how to work with this holiday's special dietary requirements. This will be a virtual Shabbat dinner! We haven't decided on the actual format yet, so watch for details.
- Reminder: NO Erev Shabbat Services at the Temple
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ONEG HOSTING



We are suspending Oneg Shabbat until further notice. Information on hosting opportunities will be posted when we resume.

From the Rabbi's Study

Passover in the Midst of COVID-19



Under normal circumstances, we would be shopping for and planning our Passover *seders*, when we would be gathering around the tables of our families, friends, and community to retell one of the central stories of the Jewish people: our liberation from slavery in Egypt. Under normal circumstances...

Under normal circumstances, I might write my April Passover column about the meanings of *chametz* and *matzah*; about why I put an orange on my *seder* plate; or a call to fight for social justice.

Under normal circumstances, I might speak about how Passover is an opportunity for what I call in-reach and outreach. *In-reach*: that Passover is a good time to reflect on our Jewish identities; and, as we rid our homes of *chametz* and eat *matzah* for a week, a good time to reduce the arrogance, haughtiness, and pride in our lives (symbolized by the *chametz*), and to increase our humility (symbolized by the *matzah*). *Outreach*: to others, in the sense of both inclusiveness towards those who feel marginalized in the Jewish community (symbolized by the orange on the *seder* plate); and responsiveness to the hunger, homelessness, and oppression that plague the world today.

Under normal circumstances, I would be urging you to share the hope of Passover by supporting organizations such as MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, the American Jewish World Service (AJWS), or Community Crops (a local organization that provides education, advocacy, and experiences that enable people to grow and enjoy healthy and local food).

Under normal circumstances, I would be reminding you to make ethical consumer choices, which are especially poignant (and sweet) during our celebration of liberation, by buying <u>Fair Trade chocolate from Equal Exchange</u>. Seven flavors* have been deemed Kosher for Passover by the Conservative Movement, without needing a

Kosher L'Pesach certification -- just buy them before removing your *chametz* for Passover.

But circumstances this year are not normal... they are very different...and very difficult. The mounting physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial impacts of COVID-19 will continue and will be immense.

We're still trying to figure out how best to maintain a caring and connected community in a time of physical isolation and sheltering-in-place. Right now, were trying to figure out how to have meaningful and joyful virtual *seders*. We are ready to respond to some of your immediate needs:

- If you would like someone to buy and deliver Matzah (and other Passover foods) for you...please let us know.
- If you would like someone to deliver a Passover meal to you...please let us know.
- If you're going to be home alone and would like to join a *seder* virtually....please let us know.

Right now, and for the immediate future, we are in a novel, narrow place—a new and unknown and threatening *Mitzrayim*. Each of us is a point on a broad continuum of vulnerability—some much more and some less vulnerable than others. We need to take care of ourselves first, but we must also reach out and take care of one another.

Please share your ideas, talents, and time with us to figure out how we can help strengthen, repair, and heal our community and world from the damage caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Help us to help others share the hope of freedom that is the promise of Passover.

Chag Sameach, Rabbi Appleby

*: Passover has Four Questions...Ten Plagues...and now Seven chocolate flavors from Equal Exchange: Dark Chocolate Almond, Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch, Panama Extra Dark Chocolate, Very Dark Chocolate, Dark Chocolate Orange, Extreme Dark Chocolate, and Dark Chocolate Lemon Ginger with Black Pepper. Look for them in your favorite local shops!

Youth & Adult Education

Due to the closure of Lincoln Public Schools to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, LJCS will not meet until further notice.

Administrators are closely monitoring the situation and will provide another update soon.

LJCS NEWS

LJCS CAMP ISRAEL



As you start to make summer plans, consider sending your child to LJCS CAMP ISRAEL!

July 20-31, 2020 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <u>Tifereth Israel Synagogue</u> Kosher snack and lunch included

Tuition: July 20-24 - \$75 per camper July 27-31- \$75 per camper This program is open to children ages 5-14.

We require ALL campers to be registered through the LJCS, therefore we cannot accept drop-in guests.

Please contact Andrea Halpern at 402-217-2631 no later than **July 1** if you wish to enroll your student.

THIS MONTH'S TORAH PORTIONS

April 4 / 10 Nisan – Tzav: <u>Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36</u> April 11 / 17 Nisan – <u>The Song of Songs</u> April 18 / 24 Nisan – Shmini: <u>Leviticus 9:1– 11:47</u> April 25 / 1 Iyyar – Tazria-Metzora: <u>Leviticus 12:1 –</u> 15:33



Read more at the URJ's Torah Study page

Giving

Thank You for These Recent Contributions

Building Fund Ben Gelber, in memory of Julius Gelber

Building Fund – Vandalism Repair Duteau Chevrolet Audrey Madans

Clinic With A Heart

Bob & Stacie Bleicher Alicia Chapelle Leslie Delserone & Peter Mullin Alan Frank Elaine Gelber Elaine Monnier Teri Perkins & David Rosenbaum Mark Rosenberg Ralph Stump Lisa Woodward Amy Zlotsky Art & Chris Zygielbaum *Endowment Fund* Audrey G. Sachs, in memory of Ruth Zolot Goldberg

> *Eternal Light 2020* Jan Buffum, in memory of Jack Nisker

General Fund Richard & Sheila Roessle, Passover 2020

Memorial Fund

Richard & Sheila Roessle, in memory of Jack Schubert Rabbi Michael Weisser, in memory of Sophie Lavruk Ewanuff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Ralph Stump, in memory of Ruth Zolot Goldberg

> Snow Removal Bob & Stacie Bleicher

Streaming Camera Dean & Maria Cadwallader

Community & Events

GAME NIGHT & MOVIE NIGHT

With the current restrictions on gathering sizes in place, we will suspend both Game Night and Movie Night at the Temple until further notice.

2020 INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Virtual" Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Now a FREE Live Web Event April 17 Friday, April 17, 2020, 7:30 am

Honorary Chair: **Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird** Featured Speaker: **Nipun Mehta**, Founder of ServiceSpace

and named one of the most inspiring people in the world

The Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast has been transformed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Instead of a sit-down breakfast event, we will bring you a free live web event so we can still hear Nipun Mehta's powerful, inspirational message of compassion.

In these unique times where our interconnectedness is abundantly clear, coming together to build a more compassionate community feels more pressing than ever. Let's make compassion and community the enduring "viral" contagions of these times!



The featured speaker, **Nipun Mehta**, founded <u>ServiceSpace</u>, an organization and global ecosystem fully run by volunteers that leverages both the "inner technology" of our many ancient wisdom traditions and the "outer technology" of our modern scientific understandings (*inner-net* meets *internet*).

Nipun has catalyzed a global social movement of community builders grounded in their localities and rooted in practices for cultivating love, nonviolence, selfless service, and compassion. The ecosystem has reached millions, attracted thousands of volunteers, and mushroomed into numerous community-based service projects as well as inspiring content portals -- projects such as DailyGood, Awakin circles in more than 100 circles around the globe, weekly Awakin calls and Awakin weekly readings, KindSpring, and Karma Kitchen.

Following tradition, the program will feature sacred readings and prayers from the wide variety of the religious communities that call Lincoln home. Music will be provided "virtually" by Great Plains Chamber Winds.

RSVP to

https://www.servicespace.org/event/view.php?eid=1 <u>1225</u> For more information, contact D'Arcy Blosser at 402-429-6902

JEWISH BOOK CLUB

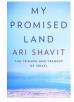


Thanks to Sadie Wilson for organizing the Zoom meeting of our Book Club on March 22. In "attendance" were: Sadie

Wilson, Deb Swearingen, Zoya Zeman, Gloria Jacoby, Suzanne Plass, Elaine Monnier and Dennis Dohner. We discussed *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*.

If anyone was unsuccessful getting into the Book Club's Zoom meeting, please let either Sadie or Dennis (emails and phone numbers below) know and we will try to figure out how to include you next time. This is important since it appears that we may be Zooming for a while.

The group decided to hold another meeting **April 19, 2020** at **1:30 pm**. This meeting will also be via Zoom unless coronavirus makes an unexpectedly quick exit. The book for this meeting will be <u>My</u> <u>Promised Land: The Triumph and</u>



Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavitm who was - at the time the book was published - a columnist at the "left-leaning" **Haaretz** daily in Israel. He grew up in Israel, so he knows, better than most of us, what he is talking about. Dennis recalls, from a previous reading of the book, Shavit does an excellent job of telling all sides of the many stories (good, bad and neutral) of the history of the State of Israel.



The Book Club will also meet **May 17, 2020** (by Zoom) and discuss a book suggested by Sadie Wilson entitled *All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir* by Shulem Deen. This is the story of a Hassid who is no longer Hasidic. Sadie found it on one of the many *"Books you must read before you die"* lists.

Deb Swearingen mentioned a new Netflix series entitled "Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots" as of possible interest to Book Club members (although it is not a book!). Another recommendation is a book entitled **Educated** by Tara Westover. This is the story of how Westover managed to get into the modern, real world after growing up home-schooled in a survivalist cult. This is not an overtly Jewish-themed book, but it did make it onto the Penguin/Random House list of "22 books you should read before you die."

Happy reading all..."See" you at the next Book Club!

Dennis Dohner (<u>dedohner@allophone.com</u>, 402-613-3948)

For Zoom assistance: Sadie Wilson (wilson.sadie.b@gmail.com, 402-432-0921)

For general information: Zoya Zeman (<u>zoyazeman@gmail.com</u>, 402-435-3001, 531-739-9357)

JEWISH WOMEN'S LUNCH



There were 3 of us at Mi Tierra on Tuesday, March 17th.

Since we don't know what the situation will be next month, including whether restaurants will be open, we will meet on **April 21st** at **12:00 pm** at Barb Barron's home, **1145**

Mockingbird Lane.

We will bring our own take out or food from home. There are many drive-through restaurants nearby including Sultan's Kite, Panera Bread, Jimmy Johns, etc. We hope to see you then. Take care of yourselves!

Let <u>Deborah Swearingen</u> (402-476-7528) know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride.

TEMPLE GIFT SHOP



The Gift Shop can open by appointment for Passover items!

Please contact Johna Walker (402-770-4189, jlpwalker2@gmail.com/giftshop@southstreettemple.org), Carolyn Nelson (402-477-1494, <u>cari888@yahoo.com</u>, 402-477-1494) or Dennis Dohner (402-613-3948, <u>dedohner@allophone.com</u>,)

Prayer, Life Cycle & Simcha

Service Times All services offered via live-stream or teleconferencing only until further notice.

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

Note: There will be NO Erev Shabbat service from the Temple on Friday, April 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 <u>office@southstreettemple.org</u> 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

Social Action

FEDERATION

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

Jewish 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

CLINIC WITH A HEART Clínic with a HEART.

Since 2012, the South Street Temple has been a sponsoring congregation for Clinic with a Heart, a free urgent care clinic that serves people without health insurance. Along with our partner congregation, St. Paul United Methodist Church, our Temple team provides volunteer services to patients of all ages and backgrounds in an atmosphere of kindness and respect.

Our members and friends have served as physicians, nurses, lab technicians, office volunteers, and support staff. We also contribute personal care items and over the counter medications. To sustain this project takes the work of our volunteers and our financial commitment. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Straus at <u>barbstraus@gmail.com</u>.

Clinic with a Heart relies on funding from its sponsoring organizations to pay for supplies and medications. **Our annual obligation of \$1,800, funded through your donations, has been met – and exceeded – for another year!** *Todah rabah* to all who contributed.

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. Our 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 <u>treasurer@southstreettemple.org</u> or call Peter Mullin at 402-435-8004.

We are collecting non-perishable food items that can be packaged and sent home to our kids and families while the center is under pandemic-required gathering restrictions

> For more information, contact Aimee Hyten at <u>aimee.hyten@gmail.com</u>

Our Congregation

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun The South Street Temple 2061 South 20th Street Lincoln, NE 68502



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

Executive Committee for 2020:

Nicholette Seigfreid – President <u>president@southstreettemple.org</u> 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

Life Cycles

April Birthdays

April 1: Teri Appleby April 2: Bob Nefsky April 8: Jordan Seigfreid April 13: Johna Walker April 21: Jaydin Parker April 24: Kyle Hoagland April 29: Sarah Kelen April 30: Dean Cadwallader

March 29-April 4, 2020

Julius Adler Eva Byron Jacob William Chesen Frank Cole, M.D. Hortense Deinard Roy J. Cole Erich Hamburger Marjorie Mae Huntley Robert Lang Cyla Martin Michael Meyer Dora Myers Morris Polsky Stanley Ross

April 5-11, 2020

Hyman Joseph Adelstein Virginia Mae Campbell Violet Ellinger Frances Rosenblum Freedman Sylvia Weiler Friend Samuel W. Goldfein Estelle Kominsky Edward Korn Rebeccah Mairson Harold Vernal Mollenkopf Claude Mullinaux



April Anniversaries

April 12: Bob & Mary Nefsky April 23: Randy Reinhart & Gina Matkin

🌣 Upcoming Yahrzeits 🌣

April 5-11, 2020

D. David Neff Nellie Newmark Miriam Radloff Gloria Reinhart M. Murray Schwartz Maria Sowa Waters Jim Wolf

April 12-18, 2020

Mary Anglin Freda Sherman Bleicher Karl W. Dittmer Jean Fales Julius Gurewitz Sol Lieberman **Robert Meyer** Laurence Murray Warren Peckler Ludwig Ernst Rosenberg Helen Gold Simon Cynthia Skomp Helen Tucker Roy E. "Bud" Tucker **Yvonne Tucker** Benjamin "BJ" Wallen Morris Wiseman

April 19-25, 2020

Willard Anderson Vicki Edwards Sara Baum Fink Rebecca Ginsburg Morris Halpern Naoma Henkelmann Linnea Johnson Elizabeth Lenhoff Dorothy Libauer Craig Saylan Ben Simon Dale Swartz Bessie Zolot

April 26- May 2, 2020

Harry Alexander Cadwallader Don Glaser Meredith Kenyon Helen G. Lieberman Claude Graham Matkin Otto Reich Saul Ristin June Segal Mary Swearingen Beverly Violin Gertrude Wertheimer Constance Sarbach Wessel

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Zichronam livracha: May their memories be for blessing

Calendar

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

<u>Friday, April 3</u> [Candlelighting for Shabbat at **7:36 pm**] 6:30 pm – First Friday Family Shabbat Service with the Star City Kochavim, *via* live stream

Saturday, April 4 – Shabbat Hagadol

[Havdalah (72 minutes) at **9:07 pm**] **9:30 am** – Shabbat Morning Service *via* Zoom **10:45 am –** Torah Study on Parashat Tzav *via* Zoom

<u>Sunday, April 5</u> 11:30 am – Adult Hebrew *via* Zoom

<u>Tuesday, April 7</u> – Search for Chametz 6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism *via* Zoom

<u>Wednesday, April 8</u> – No LJCS Classes – First Seder [Candlelighting for Passover at 7:41 pm]

<u>Thursday, April 9</u> – *Passover* [Candlelighting for Passover at 9:12 pm]

<u>Friday, April 10</u> – Passover – Pop-Up Shabbat Dinners – No Service at Temple – 1st Day of the Omer [Candlelighting for Shabbat at 7:43 pm] 6:30 pm – Pop-up Shabbat Rabbi's via Zoom

<u>Saturday, April 11</u> – Intermediate Day – Omer 2 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at 9:14 pm]
9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom
10:45 am – Torah Study on the Song of Songs via Zoom

<u>Sunday, April 12</u> – Int. Day – No LJCS 11:30 am – Adult Hebrew via Zoom

<u>Tuesday, April 14</u> – *Intermediate Day* – *Omer 5* [Candlelighting for Passover at 7:48 pm] 6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism *via* Zoom

<u>Wednesday, April 15</u> – *Passover* – *No LJCS Classes* [Candlelighting for Passover at 9:19 pm]

<u>Thursday, April 16</u> – *Passover* – *Yizkor* – *Omer* 7 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at 9:20 pm]

Friday, April 17 – Omer 8

[Candlelighting for Shabbat at **7:51 pm**] **7:30 am** – Virtual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast **6:30 pm** – Erev Shabbat Service *via* live stream

<u>Saturday, April 18</u> – Omer 9 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at 9:22 pm] 9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service *via* Zoom 10:45 am – Torah Study on Parashat Shmini *via* Zoom

<u>Sunday, April 19</u> – Omer 10 11:30 am – Adult Hebrew via Zoom 1:30 pm – Jewish Book Club meeting via Zoom 2:30 pm – Feeding the Kids at F Street Rec Center

<u>Tuesday, April 21</u> – Yom HaShoah – Omer 12 12:00 n – Jewish Women's Lunch at Barb Barron's 5:30 pm – Holocaust Memorial Service at Wyuka

<u>Wednesday, April 22</u> – *Omer 13* 3:00 pm – Nebraska State Holocaust Commemoration, State Capitol Rotunda

<u>Friday, April 24</u> – *Rosh Chodesh lyyar* – *Omer 15* [Candlelighting for Shabbat at 7:58 pm] 6:30 pm – Erev Shabbat Service *via* live stream

Saturday, April 25 – Rosh Chodesh Iyyar – Omer 16 [Havdalah (72 minutes) at 9:29 pm] 9:30 am – Shabbat Morning Service *via* Zoom 10:45 am – Torah Study on Tazria-Metzora via Zoom

<u>Sunday, April 26</u> – Omer 17 11:30 am – Adult Hebrew *via* Zoom

<u>Tuesday, April 28</u> – Yom HaZikaron – Omer 19 6:30 pm – Intro to Judaism *via* Zoom

Wednesday, April 29 - Yom Ha'Atzma'ut - Omer 20

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