The Kibbitzer

Temple Am Shalom
Mentor, Ohio

JUNE 2019

IYYAR—SIVAN 5779

A WORD FROM RENÉE

Hello my friends,

Since last month, things have begun to settle down somewhat. I truly believe that all of your prayers and good wishes helped us get through. Our family, friends and faith are responsible for encouraging our healing and serenity. As a family, we've grieved together, sharing our emotions, our stories and our feelings, all moving forward at our own time and in our own ways. No two people experience grief alike, but grief is tough to live through. But we will. Thanks to you, at Am Shalom, our friends in the Barbershop world (singers) and our faith in one another, you have collectively helped us through a most difficult time. Bless you!

Within the month of May, many of our families have had graduations to enjoy. Congratulations to Aaron Steindler, who graduated from the University of Arizona with a Masters Degree in Medical Physics. Congrats to Gail and Marc Steindler, who are the proud parents. Both Ben Magid and Jonah Magid graduated, as well. Ben graduated from Lakeland and Jonah from Cleveland State University. They are the sons of Jennifer Tucker and her husband, Gary Tucker. Mazel Tov to you all! Graduating from Mount Union College with a Bachelor's Degree in Arts & Communication is Rebecca D'Orazio. She is the daughter of Diane and Fred D'Orazio. Congrats to the three of you! Sharon and Don Whitney are the proud parents of Ben Whitney, who recently graduated with his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Toledo. Mazel Tov! I am so proud of you all. Several of these fine young men and women have jobs lined up already. Others are pursuing further education. Whatever you choose to do and wherever your paths will take you, I know that you should be so proud of all your achievements and all that you have accomplished in your lives so far. I have loved every minute of watching you blossom and grow. My heart is full.

June is quickly approaching and we have so much happening here at Am Shalom. On Sunday, June 2nd, we will be meeting at temple for our spring clean up, both inside and out. The Youth Lounge downstairs is the last room yet to be organized. The offices upstairs need to be rearranged and purged, while the kitchen needs to be reorganized to find room for all of Andy's treasures that he so graciously donated to us from his home in Chautauqua. Thanks, Andy. Jaye and Bruce are in charge of the grounds outside. Let us know if you are planning to help by calling the temple @ 440-255-1544. A BBQ meal of hamburgers and hot dogs will be served for lunch and of course, Andy will be bringing donuts in the morning. We will be starting at 10:00 a.m. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

Shabbat services will be on Friday, June 14th at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, June 28th at 7:30.

MARK YOUR CALENDER:

Our first service in July will be on *Saturday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. for the Bar Mitzvah of Max Myers. Max is the son of Jennifer and David Myers.*

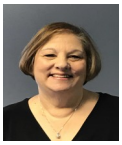
On *Sunday, June 23rd, at 10:00 a.m., we will be having a class on Challah making. Please let the office know if you plan to attend. The cost of the class is $18.00, which includes lunch. We will get all of the ingredients and have it measured out for you when you get there. Come enjoy!*

Adult Hebrew class will meet on *Sunday, July 16th and Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 a.m.*

On *June 8th starting from 6:00 p.m., continuing throughout the night until sunrise on Saturday, June 9th, meet us for study sessions at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation for Leil Ha Shavuot study sessions. Am Shalom is one of the sponsors of this event. View the schedule on our website.*

Take care, (B'ahava)

Renee



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Shabbat Services
7:30 pm JUNE 14
7:30 pm JUNE 28

Sisterhood
9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 9
The Kitchen, Mentor Contact Rita Rose at (440) 867-2268 or *rrose@oh.rr.com*

Men's Fellowship Group
8:00a.m. Sunday, June 16
Mentor Family Restaurant. Contact Lee Hawthorne at (440) 725-6852.

Adult Hebrew Class
10a.m. Sunday, June 16
10a.m. Sunday, June 30

Board Meeting
7:30pm Wednesday, June 5
Congregants, Get Involved!

Activities Committee
6:30pm Wednesday, June 5
Your ideas are most welcome!!!

Temples Pappycock chalk project.

Looks like our ladies had good time and made some nice projects.

Final results!!!

Challah class with the Obenour's and Amira !!

Challah Class at Temple
Come out and join the fun!!!!
June 23.

Learn to Bake Challah
Sunday, June 23
RSVP at the Temple Office
$18 covers ingredients and refreshments

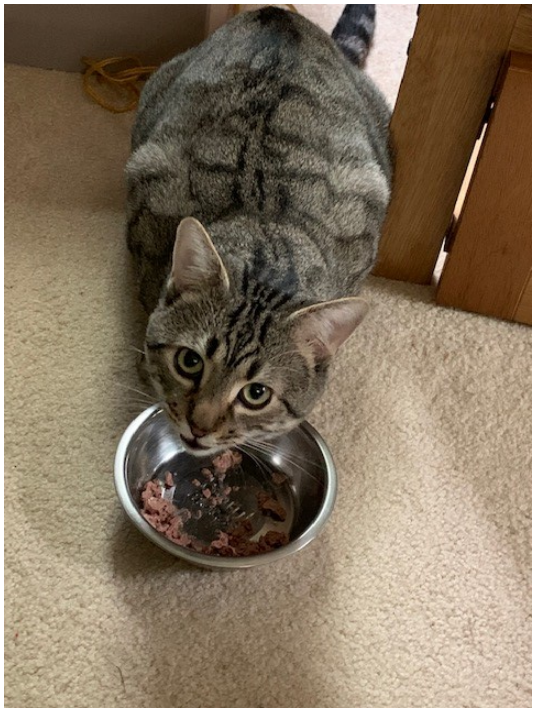
NOTE FROM TEMPLE PRESIDENT

So where has Andy been? A number of congregants have noted my absence lately. I've even missed a Shabbat service. Most of you know, my brother died in March and I've been working to rehabilitate his house on Lake Chautauqua. Technically it was our house because our parents left it to both of us, but it was his home for almost 30 years. He and his "roommates" left me a terrible mess of trash, roaches, bedbugs, and used tools. To date I've hauled away over 200 bags of trash, truckloads of junk, and brought a filled U-Haul truck of tools home to sort. Underneath the garbage I've found family mementos, and the skeleton of the special summer house that I remember when I grew up. With patience, it will be restored.

I also inherited a two-year old tiger cat named Tigre. He was hiding on the top shelf of my brother's closet. For three weeks I left him food, water, and changed his litter box; until I could find him and bring him home. After a trip to my vet's for shots and a check-up, El Tigre, as we call him had to become a member of my zoo with the other cat, and two dogs. It was too much for him and so he disappeared somewhere in the house. After narrowing our search and closing off rooms with hiding spaces, we found him in the den behind a desktop. He only came into the room at night to eat and use his litter box. El Tigre was terrified of his new surroundings and had been traumatized in his first home. Once he ventured out from behind the desktop, we covered up his hiding spot, so then he moved behind the futon. We could see him, but all he would do is hiss and try to scratch us. He only came out to eat when he was alone.
After weeks of talking to him and baiting him with food, we finally had a breakthrough. Yesterday he sat and ate his breakfast in front of me, then came over and rubbed me and gave me a little kiss. He still stiffens up when he hears noises outside the den, but today he let me rub him. El Tigre will turn out to be a sweet kitty, I'm sure.

Our congregation has a lot in common with El Tigre. People read about Temple activities in this Kibbitzer, but are afraid to come out and join us. I hear excuses about not having time, or rides, or not knowing anyone. We will provide rides, and have tried baiting you to come out and join us, with food. It seems to be working. Attendance is up at Shabbat services and all of our other events. We were packed at our Temple Seder, and new families are joining us. Sunday, June 2 is Temple Clean-up Day. We begin at 10 a.m. with donuts and coffee. We end with a cookout. We have jobs for everyone, so please come out and help. If Tigre can come out from behind the futon, so can you.

Andy



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5779

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 6:00 PM - 7:00 AM
27501 FAIRMOUNT BLVD., PEPPER PIKE, OH 44124

Join us to commemorate the giving of the Torah as we study, pray and rejoice.
Come for one session or the entire evening. Doors open at 5:45 pm.
Free and Open to the Community.

SPONSORED BY B'NAI JESHURUN CONGREGATION
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6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha Afternoon Service
6:45 pm Seudah Shlisheet (Third Meal)

Session 1 - 7:15 - 8:00 pm
- Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Jewish Royalty: A Game of Thrones*
- Dr. Sylvia Abrams, Retired Dean, Siegal College of Judaic Studies: *Book Discussion - The Book of Separation: A Memoir" by Tova Mirvis*
- Susan Borison, Founder of *Your Teen* Magazine: *Raising Teenagers through a Jewish Lens*
- Dr. Cynthia Chapman, Oberlin College: *What the Torah's Family Stories Reveal*
- Rabbi Alan Lettofsky: *Do You Know the Difference? See What the Rabbis are Always Talking About*
- Rabbi Jeremy Pappas: *The Intersection of Anti-Semitism & Anti-Zionism*
- Oudi Singer, Gross Schechter Day School: *The Book of Psalms: Remedies & Mysteries - The Sequel*
- Rabbi Michael Ungar, Beth El - The Heights Synagogue: *Weird Things the Rabbis Said*
- icnext Panels Guided Tour: *Words from Israel*

Session 2 - 8:05 - 8:50 pm
- Rabbi Stephen Weiss, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *How Messilat Yesharim (Path of the Just) Can Guide Your Journey to the Good Life*
- Hazzan Matthew Austerklein, Beth El Congregation, Akron: *The Secular Sulzer: Rediscovering the First Modern Cantor*
- Rabbi Peter Haas, CWRU Professor Emeritus: *Akdamut: The Medieval Poetic Prayer of Shavuot*
- Bob Jacob, Cleveland Jewish News: *Jewish Newspapers: Are They More Relevant Today?*
- Doron Kalir, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Professor: *Following Netflix's "Come Sunday": What is Judaism All About?*
- Rabbi Melinda Mersack, jHUB: *Interfaith Families: Challenges & Opportunities*
- Kyla Schneider: *The Giving of Torah: Under the Shadow*

Session 3 - 8:55 - 9:40 pm
- Cantor Aaron Shifman, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *History of Chasidism: The Masters & Their Teachings*
- Mark Davidson: *Ethical Decision-Making in Adin Steinsaltz's The Thirteen Petalled Rose" & Maimonides' Hilchot De'ot (Character Traits)*
- Rabbi Megan Doherty, Director of Hillel & Jewish Campus Life, Oberlin College: *The Talmud's Approach to #MeToo*
- Jerry Isaak-Shapiro, Head of School, Joseph & Florence Mandel Jewish Day School: *It's Not Just about Anti-Semitism; It's How We Respond to It*
- Toby Rosenberg: *Torah Yoga*
- Todd Rosenberg: *Forgiveness in Judaism & Christianity*
- Rabbi Lauren Werber, Temple B'nai Abraham: *Today's Rabbis: Prophets of Social Justice & Civil Rights*

OVER: Tikkun continues throughout the night and morning

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CONTINUES INTO THE NIGHT & MORNING

9:45 pm Ma'ariv Festival Evening Service

Session 4 - 10:15 - 11 pm
- Rabbi Josh Foster, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *The Origin of Jewish Customs*
- Dr. Brian Arnkraut, CWRU Siegal Lifelong Learning: *From Israelites to Jews: Biblical Monotheism, Exile & the Origins of Anti-Semitism*
- Rabbi Steven Denker, Temple Emanu El: *Diaspora: Exile or Opportunity*
- Rabbi Stephen Grundfast, Rabbi Emeritus Beth El Congregation, Akron: *Reading between the Lines: The Wacky World of Midrash*
- Rabbi Enid Lader, Beth Israel - The West Temple: *Moses & Mt. Sinai through the Art of Rembrandt, Michelangelo & Chagall*
- Rabbi Steve Segar, Kol HaLev: *How Jewish is Tikkun Olam Really?*

11:00 pm Dessert Grand Buffet

Session 5 - 11:30 - 12:15 am
- Dr. Jay Geller, CWRU Professor: *The Most Important Jew You've Never Heard of: Gershom Scholem*
- Bob Kimmelfield: *Outdoor Nature & Spiritual Hike*
- Michael Milgrom: *The Legacy of Amos Oz: Contrasting Fiction (Black Box") & Non-Fiction (Israel, Palestine & Peace")*
- Rabbi Shana Nyer, Suburban Temple - Kol Ami: *Finding "I & Thou" at Sinai through Martin Buber "& Eugene Borowitz"*
- Rabbi Scott Roland, Congregation Shaarey Tikvah: *Love & Fear: Defining our Relationship with the Divine*
- Rabbi Michael Ross, Hillel at Kent State & Temple Beth Shalom: *Preparing for Revelation: Chanting & Meditation Workshop*

12:15 am - 4:00 am Breakfast Bar

Session 6 - 12:30 - 1:30 am
Rabbi Jonathan Berger, Associate Head of School, Gross Schechter Day School: *Does God Mess with Nature? Rambam, Miracles & Us*

Session 7 - 1:30 - 2:30 am
- Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Jewish Royalty: A Game of Thrones*

Session 8 - 2:30 - 3:30 am
- Rabbi Rachel Brown, Temple Beth Shalom: *The Personal Experience of Revelation at Mt. Sinai from the Perspective of the Hasidic Masters*

4:00 am Kabbalistic Mystical Wedding Ceremony (outdoors, weather permitting)

4:45 am Sunrise Shacharit Festival Morning Service (outdoors, weather permitting)

Ongoing Programs:
- Teen Tikkun - 7:15 - 8:50 pm: Unique programming for 6th - 12th graders
- icnext 2019 Teen Israel Photo Exhibit - *Words from Israel* (docent available during 1st session)
- Open Library with Dr. R. Raphael (Rafi) Simon, Librarian, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation - 7:15 pm - midnight

* Books available in synagogue library

Contact Shani Kadis, Membership & Programming Director
for more information at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation
216.831.6555 ext. 131 or shanikadis@bnaijeshurun.org

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5779

Once again Temple Am Shalom is honored to co-sponsor Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a night of study, at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation 27501 Fairmount Blvd. Pepper Pike, 44124 on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 6 pm. If you've never attended this event, it includes worship, classes, and lots of food. The entire schedule is above. You can arrive and leave any time throughout the night. Last year I participated in two very diverse classes, along with several Am Shalom members. Mark and Pene Obenour went last year and recommend it for the food, classes, services , and a chance to meet members of the Jewish community. I liked the fact that as a co-sponsor it promoted out Temple. Andy

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Literary Club

Our next book club will be

Tuesday June 18 @ 7pm

Reading - Grist Mill

By: Christopher Yates

Club will be meeting at Barnes and Noble. Located outside the Great Lakes Mall.

Cemetery Plots are Available

Cemetery plots at *Western Reserve Memorial Gardens* (Rt. 306 in Chesterland) are available. Temple Am Shalom has our own section. Plots cost $750 for members. Call Bob Weinberg if you are interested at (440) 256-0835.

Healing Prayers

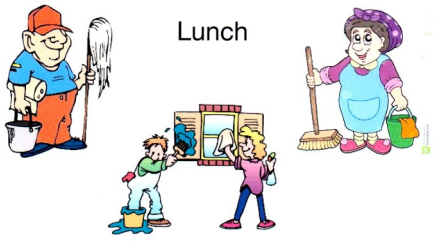
Joel & Arlene Everly
Bud Sudar
Marv Guttman
Len Gilbert
Dorothy Epstein
Marilyn Fowler
Marie Vidmar
Alan Simpson
Jim Davidson
Jay Brandt

Clean-up

Please join us Sunday, June 2 at 10 a.m. as we have our annual clean-up day. I know cleaning is a drag, but it's more fun when we have a group. This is our chance to spruce up our building. In the past we've done some landscaping, hauled away junk, touched up the paint, and cleaned the seats in the sanctuary. The day starts with the best donuts in Geauga County and a beverage of your choice. Landscaping is always an option. Did I mention that it rains? We have lightbulbs to replace and some office furniture to re-arrange. We're in the process of making this year's list right now. So, if you have any ideas let us know. We end the day mid-afternoon with lunch. Just for the record, we don't have to do heavy cleaning because the Temple is cleaned a few times a year by professionals. If you're handy with a shovel or a paintbrush, and you're not afraid to climb a ladder, please join us on June 2. I know you'll love the food and the fellowship.

Temple Am Shalom Clean-up Day
Sunday, June 2 10 a.m.

Geauga County's Best Donuts



Happy Happy

Birthdays

Robert Hrusch	6/1
Jason Sobol	6/2
Amy Katz	6/3
Daniel Katz	6/9
Madison Donohue	6/10
Kathy Alscher	6/13
Brian Zinner	6/13
Aaron Steindler	6/14
Bob Weinberg	6/18
Kartyr Sobol	6/19
Marti Ann Brazil	6/20
Bob Sobol	6/20
Stuart Abbey	6/21
Kimberly Ramsey	6/27
Matthew Katz	6/29
Elinor Schuster	6/30

Anniversaries

Steve & Renee Blau	6/24
George & Janet Evangelista	6/29
Matthew & Rebecca Bittinger	6/30

Mazel Tov

Yahrzeits

Light Yahrzeit candles the evening before the date.

These names will be read during services in the month of June:

Name	*Actual Date of Death*	*Hebrew Date corresponds to:*	*Yizkor Date Obsrvd*
Charles Harris	6/2/64	Sivan 22, 5724	6/25
Hyman Lefkowitz	6/3/64	Sivan 23, 5724	6/26
Gloria Waldman	6/4/18	Sivan 2, 5771	6/5
Rose Altman	6/6/73	Sivan 6, 5733	6/9
Helen Antonovsky	6/7/07	Sivan 21, 5767	6/24
Stanley Friedland	6/7/86	Iyyar 29, 5746	6/3
Rabbi Philip Horowitz	6/7/02	Sivan 27, 5762	6/30
William Magid	6/10/10	Sivan 29, 5748	7/1
Wendy Hughes	6/14/88	Sivan 295748	7/2
Mary Jo Fagin	6/22/10	Tammuz 10, 5770	7/3
Stan Steindler	6/29/77	Tammuz 13, 5737	7/16

If you are following the civil calendar, then you will light the candle the evening before the civil date; if you are following the Hebrew calendar, then you will light the candle the evening before the observed Yizkor date.

Help us update our records. Any corrections and/or information on the names listed would be appreciated.

Zichronam liv'rachah

May their memory be a blessing

Torah Portions for JUNE

JUNE 1	—	BECHUKOTAI	LEVITICUS 26:3-27:34
JUNE 8	—	BAMIDBAR	NUMBERS 1:1-4:20
JUNE 15	—	NASO	NUMBERS 4:21-7:69
JUNE 22	—	BEHAALOTECHA	NUMBERS 8:1-12:16
JUNE 29	—	SHIACH	NUMBERS 13:1-15:41

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:35 pm 9:49 pm
2 Spring clean up 10 a.m.	3	4 Rosh Chodesh	5 *Activities 6:30pm* *Board Meeting 7:30pm*	6	7 8:39 pm	8 *Tikkun Leil Shavuot 6pm* 27501 Fairmount BLVD, Pepper Pike 9:49 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14 *Shabbat Service 7:30pm*	15 9:53 pm
16 Men's *Fellowship* 8:00a Mentor Family Restaurant *Hebrew Class 10a.m.*	17	18 *Book Club 7pm*	19	20	21 8:45 pm	22 9:55pm
23 Challah class cost is 18.00 -30 *Hebrew Class 10a.m.*	24	25	26	27	28 *Shabbat Service 7:30pm* 46 pm	29 9:55 pm

Key: Candle Lighting time Havdalah or End of Holiday

Renée Blau, *Spiritual Director & Cantorial Soloist*
Elise Aitken, *Asst. Spiritual Dir. & Cantorial Soloist*

The Temple Board

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Members at Large:
Bob Sobol & Mark Obenour

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Please kibbitz with us by contributing to our newsletter!

Address your news, articles, suggestions or corrections to Pene Obenour - amshalommentor@gmail.com (be sure to include an identifying Subject line in your email); or send mail to the temple (by the 21st of the month **prior** to the issue you want your information to appear):
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Thank you!

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