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Things Are Looking Up at Temple

Every couple of weeks, we at Temple host a group of high school or university students who visit our congregation, often as part of a cultural diversity or world religions curriculum. I love watching these kids walk through the doors of the sanctuary. The moment they step into the room and see the beautiful kippot hanging from the ceiling, they break out in an assorted chorus of "Whoas" and "Ooohs", and "Looooook at that's". Many of us who have been around Temple B'nai Tikvah for a while start to take the beauty of our sanctuary for granted. These kids don't.

As they move toward the seats, our visiting students often keep their faces turned up as they continue to look at the ceiling. Sometimes they even bump into one another or trip over the furniture along the way.

After they sit down, I tell our visitors a few things about Judaism and Jewish life, and then I explain the kippot. I point out how each one represents one day of creation as described in the first chapter of Genesis, I show them where the cycle begins, and I explain how the large kippah over the six smaller ones represents Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath.

By this time, many of them start to get sore necks from looking up for so long. (Caron and I had the same experience when we visited the Sistine Chapel in Rome last summer.) Only rarely, however, do they hurry to look down.

Being at Temple tends to do that to people. Being at Temple has a way of making people look up.

Of course, walking into our sanctuary doesn't only make our visitors look up – it also makes some of us regulars look up, as well. We who come to Temple often don't always bend back our necks to see the kippot hanging from the ceiling; we tend to look up without actually facing the ceiling. Sitting in our seats during services, we often turn our hearts heavenward even if we're facing the eastern wall of the sanctuary. We hear the beautiful music, we sing along, and our prayers and melodies ascend. We see the people sitting around us – friends and strangers alike – and we connect with them in ways that we can't elsewhere. We echo words first uttered many centuries ago, forging one more link in an ancient chain, and we become aware of a dimension beyond that which we experience in our workaday lives – one that could almost be called heavenly. And every once in a while, something in the sermon hits home, too, opening a gate to something beyond the ordinary.

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Yes, there are lots of ways to look up. Being at Temple invites us to cast our gaze toward the heavens as we connect with ourselves, our community, our tradition, and sometimes even with God.

Our visitors often ooh and ahh as they walk through the doors of the sanctuary. And on good days, we too enter our sanctuary with a similar sense of awe. And when we do, it sometimes can't help but take our breath away.

TEMPLE GARDEN

As we celebrate Pesach, we are reminded that spring is just around the corner. What better way to shake off all those matzo crumbs than to get involved with "Jewish Roots", our Temple garden!

We will be growing our tikkun olam vegetable garden once again this year in the raised garden bed on the east side of our building. It will need the love of volunteers and visitors throughout the season. No previous gardening experience is necessary. Please contact Katie Baker at music@bnaitikvah.ca if you would like to get involved, and watch this space for updates.

A COUPLE OF BOOKS, A COUPLE OF HOURS...

Thank you to the many people who have already dropped off new and gently used books. Please keep them coming throughout the month of May.

May 1–6 will be the set up for the CBC Calgary Reads Big Book Sale on May 11–13. We need a team of volunteers to help move and set up the books at the Calgary Curling Club (great opportunity to have first dibs) and to help at the sale itself. If you can help on ANY of these days, please contact Ayala Roudstein, aroudstein@gmail.com or Nadine Drexler, n.drexler@shaw.ca.

MAY 6, 2018 MEGA MITZVAH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE: IN SUPPORT OF SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

As part of our Social Action fundraising efforts, we will be collecting empty bottles at Temple B'nai Tikvah on May 6, 2018. Please watch for updates/communications that will be sent out closer to this date.

If you are unable to bring your empty bottles that day, the Manchester Bottle Depot, located at 410 38A Ave SE, will take drop offs in Temple B'nai Tikvah's name. You may call them ahead of time at 403-269-1515 or speak to Lakhvir or Lorna when you get there.

For further information please contact bottledrive@bnaitikvah.ca. Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: RESEARCH ACTION TEAMS

On Friday, March 2, Temple Social Action Committee Members Matt Haynes, Naomi Dolgoy and Richard Bronstein presented to Temple on their work with the Metro Alliance for the Common Good's (MAC-G) Research Action Teams. Thank you to all who braved the snow and roads to hear them speak. Matt spoke to his work with the Seniors Research Action Team while Naomi and Richard spoke to their work with the Reconciliation Research Action Team.

The Seniors Research Action Team has been focusing on ways to assist seniors to remain in their homes or to "age in place." Early initiatives of the Seniors Research Action Teams have included ensuring that seniors and their families know how to access resources, for example through the 211 service. Teams are currently focused on building and advocating for an expanded directory for seniors to reach out for assistance with day to day tasks (e.g. snow shoveling). If you would like to join or support the Seniors Research Action Team, please email Matt Haynes at matt.work11@yahoo.ca or Jon Zyto at jon@montaguemattress.com.

The Reconciliation Research Action Team has been working to recognize, engage, and support Indigenous Canadians and support their initiatives within their traditional framework of decision making. A major concern for Calgary's Indigenous community is that there are few (if any) community areas where individuals can gather to preserve their culture and heritage. The Reconciliation Research Action Team participated in the Winter Tea which was the kick-off event to begin advocacy efforts to build a community center where Indigenous Canadians can meet to participate in spiritual and culturally significant ceremonies. If you would like to join or to support the Reconciliation Research Action Team, please email Naomi Dolgoy at naomidolgoy@gmail.com or Richard Bronstein at editor@jewishfreepress.ca.

Temple Social Action will also be building a core Research Action Team with the first meeting to be scheduled in April. If you would like to participate and to assist in Temple's community organizing for MAC-G, please email Jon Zyto at jon@montaguemattress.com. Temple will host MAC-G's general assembly in June so please stay tuned for further updates.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

TODAH RABAH FOR ONEG SPONSORSHIP

- The Plucer Family in memory of Ron's father, Chayim David Plucer
- Cynthia Simmons in memory of her uncle, Alex Vinson

MAZEL TOV

- Barbara and Daniel Lenfest-Jameson on the birth of their son, Spencer Henry

CONDOLENCES

- Natalie Levitt on the loss of her father, Mort Levitt

HEALING PRAYERS

Harvey Balakofsky, Allan Bambury, Sherry Bambury, Debbie Bosomworth, Elaine Bruce-Haynes, Marsha Carnat, Yehudit Chayil, Anne Cohen, Lionel Conn, Julia Cornester, Randall Craig, Bob Dudder, Sharon Dudder, Shirley Dunn, Eva Epstein, Marcia Goodman-Taylor, Dr. Phil Gordon, Eric Grief, Lee Handy, Alan Hastings, Jennifer Herrell, Rob Kirkham, Ross Kobayashi, Mona Joffe, Trisha McKinney, Sylvia Meyers, Rachel bat Leiba, Chaya v'Mosheh, Phil Rubin, Hineini bat Ruth, Norma Sautman, Francesca Scattarregia, Pat Smolensky, Lorraine Spector, Barry Steinfeld, Sharon Switzer, Shauna Switzer, Anna Tarsitano, Peter Walker

BREAKING NEWS!

It is amazing, but Safeway and Coop want to donate money to our Temple...large amounts of money! We think it could be as much as \$2,000 every single month of the year. Can you imagine how far these monthly donations would go toward supporting the programs we all love?

How can we ensure the donations arrive?

Instead of paying for your Safeway, IGA, Sobeys, and Coop groceries or your Coop gas with your credit card, buy the gift cards through Temple.

It will cost you nothing extra, and the cards never expire.

You can pay in 4 different ways:

1. Interac e-transfer to bookkeeper@bnaitikvah.ca — this must be done on the first of every month. The question you type in is: 'what is this for' and the answer is 'temple' [all lower case letters]
2. Cash, of course
3. Postdated cheques
4. Credit card

We can do it all electronically --- just email me and I'll send you back an order form, or stop by the office. Let's encourage Safeway and Coop to continue supporting Temple!

Bonnie Kaplan
403-245-0568
bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com

YAHREZEITS

TO BE READ ON APRIL 6

Carmine Bennett	Amasy Bucknum	Gilbert Paterson	Haim Slavatek	Virginia Boughner
Harry Dubo	Allan Rackow	Martin Stoffman	Belle Hapton	David George Bruce
Morris Richmond	Albert Switzer	Witaszka Brukarz	Yetti Helper	

TO BE READ ON APRIL 13

Molly Finkleman	Eric Hurdman	Gerald Newton	Ora Handy	Ruth Helen McCormick
Ethel Kerr	Edward Mendelson	Goldie Osten	Samuel Himelfarb	Renee Krel
Stephen Morris	Gary Rosenbaum	Jack Hirschberg	Marian Levitan	

TO BE READ ON APRIL 20

Freida Becker	Rivka Friedman	Jane Kelley	Joseph Leon Roll	Alex Belzberg
Saul Horovitz	Isidore Match	Meyer Switzer	Lazarus Cohen	Orville Katz
David Pincus	Rose Zack			

TO BE READ ON APRIL 27

Julius "Ziggy" Bleviss	Bella Feldman	Margaret Klein	Ida Sheinin	Rae Brager
Brenda Grobman	Harry Tulchinsky	Harry Brown	Fred Guy	Gerald Michael Lazarowicz
Donald Jon Lipkind	Sharon Wolfson	Fannie Drabinsky		



BETSY JAMESON

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Kol Tikvah deadlines require me to write this several weeks before you read it. I’m between Purim and Pesach—the time my grandmother devoted to spring housecleaning, to get the house sparkling and chometz-free by Pesach. It took planning as well as scrubbing—meticulously calibrating meals to finish packages of rice, pasta, and other chometz before it was time to purge the pantries and prepare the kitchen for the first Seder.

I don’t like housecleaning, but I take inspiration from my Grandma and from a good friend who calls cleaning “creating beauty and order.” I don’t like housework, but I like beauty and order. So I attack my pantries and kitchen shelves. I embrace the spirit of purging the chometz—not just the bread, but all the petty distractions that swell up and consume time, energy, and attention. As I pack up the dregs of the chometz, I’m not just freeing the cupboards of bread, pasta, and beans. I’m taking stock of what’s bloated and non-essential in my daily calendar.

The annual pantry purge is also an opportunity to offer a small measure of liberation to folks who need my unopened noodles, oatmeal, and crackers. Please consider bringing your unopened chometz to the food bin in our Tzedakah cupboard. As we clear our kitchens, we can help feed less fortunate Calgarians.

The ritual preparations for Pesach are the same each year. But this Pesach is special at Temple B’nai Tikvah because we will turn 39 years old on April 6, and enter our 40th year as a congregation. In the coming months we’ll prepare to commemorate our 40th birthday. That impending landmark has me thinking about some of the “big 40s” in Torah—the 40 days of Noah’s flood, the 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai, the 40 years we spent in the wilderness shedding the remnants of slavery. These 40s are important times of gestation—just like the 40 weeks of pregnancy that may have inspired all the big 40s in Torah. Like pregnancy, the 40s in Torah are times of transition to something new—the rainbow and rebirth of the world after the flood, the covenant between God and our people at Sinai, the threshold of the Land of Promise at the end of our wandering. And so I wonder about unimagined new possibilities that lie ahead after our 40th birthday, and how we can use this year to dream and prepare for them.

TODAH RABAH

Thanks to Katie Baker, Roz Mendelson, and Elaine Harris for leading our Women’s Seder on March 18, and thanks to Tracey Rumig, Abigail Draper, Rebecca Green, Nina Katz, Vanessa Horan and Emily Flaschner for all their help with arrangements and set up.

Like the time between Purim and Passover, the year ahead invites us to take stock, to let go of what we don’t need, to make room for the promises ahead. Please share your ideas and hopes as we chart the next steps on our collective journey. I wish you and yours Chag Pesach Sameach. I wish us all a liberating and spacious year ahead.

BROWN BAGGING FOR KIDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

If you can spare it, there are school children who could really use your \$25 Loblaws rebate.

Loblaws is beginning to release the \$25 rebates they have promised to send to people who said they had bought bread when prices were being rigged.

Many people do not need the \$25, but Temple supports a food-related charity that really does. Brown Bagging for Calgary’s Kids (BB4CK) helps ensure that 4,000 students in our city receive lunch at school, a lunch they would otherwise go without. BB4CK is more important than ever, now that the FANS (Food and Nutrition in the Schools) program has been closed.

If you receive one of the Loblaws gift card rebates (or even if you just feel like being generous), please consider donating it to BB4CK. One way you can do this is to put it in an envelope with Social Action Committee/SCHOOL LUNCHESES on it and drop it at Temple. You can also donate online to the Social Action Committee for use in the BB4CK project, at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/19799>.

Thank you from the Social Action Committee, as well as Carole Schwartz and her Temple volunteers who shop for food and pack lunches at Temple every Monday and Wednesday: Jay Barsky, Mona Bell, Richard Conte, Pearl Herscovitch, Bonnie Kaplan, Susan Light, Roz Oppenheim, Jane Paterson, Karen Randall, Betsy Ritter, Judy Roberts, Gloria Ross, Marg Sanden, Carole Schwartz, Katie Schwartz, Mindy Selby, Sylvia Shaw, Ruth Spivak, Cathy Tait.

FOUNDER'S CORNER

TEMPLE ONEGS | PREPARED BY RON BING

When you have a birthday, wedding anniversary, Yahrzeit or special event, why not consider sponsoring an Oneg? Invite your family and friends to come and celebrate with you. We have Friday night and Saturday morning Onegs following services in the Betty Switzer social hall. These are times to socialize with fellow congregants and visitors.

An important part of your Temple membership is the friendships you develop at TBT through socializing. Many of our members have developed lifelong friendships by attending services, working on committees, taking their kids to Temple school, attending Jewish Information classes, concerts, etc. The greater your involvement, the more you get back!

If you only attend on High Holidays, you are missing a great opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow congregants. I would like to encourage you to attend a Saturday morning service and stay for the Oneg. Who knows? You might enjoy yourself!

B'nai mitzvah are the responsibility of the family. Temple members are invited to stay for the meal together with invited guests. If you regularly attend Friday evening or Saturday morning services, please consider sponsoring an Oneg. Should you have any ideas on how to improve our Onegs, please speak with our Executive Director, Danny Oppenheim.

DONATIONS

TO	FROM	OCCASION
BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND		
Temple	Paul Ziff	Yahrzeit
BUILDING FUND		
Len & Paula Lesser	Steven & Debbie Baylin	Condolences
Temple	Nadine Waldman	In memory of Wilfred Walker
Temple	Betty Mayer	In memory of Samuel Feldman
Temple	Jeremy Parnes	Thank you to Katie Baker
Temple	Carol Stoffman	Yahrzeit
Temple	Tracey Rumig and Steve Eichler	Yahrzeit
Jenny Laing	Tracey Rumig and Steve Eichler	Get well soon
DANIEL ARATO FUND		
Murray & Bonnie Vimy & Family	Judith & Peter Arato	Condolences
Lorne & Beth Price	Judith & Peter Arato	Condolences
Temple	Allen Ponak	In memory of his mother Sarah Ponak
Susan and David Gradel	Judith and Peter Arato	Recovery from surgery
Daphne Taras and Allan Ponak	Judith and Peter Arato	Get well soon
GENERAL OPERATING FUND		
Temple	Judith Spevakow	Yahrzeit
Temple	Judith Spevakow	Yahrzeit
Temple	Jonathan Kane	Yahrzeit
Temple	Helen Walker	Yahrzeit
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Temple	Leslie Handy	In memory of Jack Sautman
Temple	Steven Kahn	
Temple	Ron Wolk	Yahrzeit
SHABBAT SCHOOL FUND		
Michele Doctoroff and Ted Switzer	Monica and Adrian Lis	Condolences
Shauna Switzer	Monica and Adrian Lis	Get well soon
SMOLKIN MEMORIAL WALL FUND		
Therese Nagler	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
SOCIAL ACTION FUND		
Len & Paula Lesser and Family	Jane Paterson	Condolences

FUN ROCKIN' PURIM SHPIEL AND SHOIRÉE - A CLASSIC ROCK PURIM SHPIEL - MARCH 3



SHABBAT SCHOOL PURIM - MARCH 10



SHABBAT SCHOOL MODEL SEDER - MARCH 17



Service Participation Form

Ushering and English readings



Temple B'nai Tikvah
High Holy Days
2018/ 5779

Temple B'nai Tikvah tries to provide opportunities for its members to participate in High Holy Day Services. Please return this form to the Temple office on time so that you can be assured of an opportunity to participate.

Please return via email to office@bnaitikvah.ca or fax 403-252-1709.

Name of member: _____

Best phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

READING - I would like to read an English part

USHERING - I am willing to serve a shift as an usher during services

I would be available to **READ AND/OR USHER:**

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday evening, September 9

Monday morning, September 10

Tuesday morning, September 11

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday evening, September 18 (Kol Nidre)

Wednesday morning, September 19

Wednesday afternoon, September 19

HIGH HOLY DAY ONEGS – I would like to donate toward the cost of an Oneg:

\$36

\$72

\$108

\$180

\$360

other \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2018.

***For the Yom Kippur Concluding Service, congregants are invited to bring their shofars and join in the final sounding at the end of the service.*

Torah Chanters Wanted

High Holy Days 2018 - 5779

We are asking congregants who wish to participate in the Torah portion of our High Holy Days services to forward their names to the Temple Office by Monday, April 30th, 2018

[To help you prepare, recordings of the Torah portions will be available in the Temple Office.]

The High Holy Day Committee will contact you in June.

Please return this form to the Temple office by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Save time and fax to us at 403-252-1709 or scan/email to office@bnaitikvah.ca

Name of member _____

Best phone # _____

E-mail address _____

I would like to:

- Chant Torah
- Read the English translation of the Torah
- Chant Haftarah
- Do the blessing for the Haftarah

at the following service:

- Rosh Hashana, Monday morning, September 10, 2018
- Rosh Hashana, Tuesday morning, September 11, 2018
- Yom Kippur, Wednesday morning, September 19, 2017

Please note that Rabbi Glickman will be assigning the aliyot using a new format this year.

APRIL 2018

Sun 1 Apr 2018

Pesach II

Sun 15 Apr 2018

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rugelach

Mon 2 Apr 2018

Pesach III

Mon 16 Apr 2018

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting

Tue 3 Apr 2018

Pesach IV

Wed 18 Apr 2018

Yom HaZikaron

Wed 4 Apr 2018

Pesach V

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Executive Meeting

Thu 19 Apr 2018

Yom HaAztma'ut

Thu 5 Apr 2018

Pesach VI

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

Fri 20 Apr 2018

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Fri 6 Apr 2018

Pesach VII

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Renewal Service

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 21 Apr 2018

Parashat Tazria-Metzora

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat School

9:30 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Sat 7 Apr 2018

Pesach VIII

10:15 am - 12:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Ben-Zvi

Wed 25 Apr 2018

12:00 pm - 3:30 am Temple Casino (Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE)

Thu 12 Apr 2018

Yom HaShoah

Thu 26 Apr 2018

12:00 pm - 3:30 am Temple Casino (Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

Fri 13 Apr 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Fri 27 Apr 2018

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm Shabbat Shiraz and Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 14 Apr 2018

Parashat Shmini

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat School & Shabbatots

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat School Grades 5 & 6
Family Education

9:30 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Sat 28 Apr 2018

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat School & Shabbatots

9:30 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:15 am - 12:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Draper

Sun 29 Apr 2018

Pesach Sheni

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Calgary Drop-In Centre Lunch

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