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From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Mark Glickman

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The Right Side of History

Are you going to be on the right side of history? It's a haunting question – one that inevitably digs at any serious student of the past. If you were an Egyptian midwife under Pharaoh's rule, would you have killed Israelite babies, or saved them? If you had lived in the U.S. during the 1850s, would you have been a slaveholder, or an abolitionist? If you lived in Poland during World War II, would you have turned over your Jewish neighbours to the Nazis, or hidden them in your home?

Such decisions often become clearer with the passage of time. *Of course* the midwives should have saved the Israelite babies. *Of course* slavery was a terrible blight on American history. *Of course* the right thing to do was to shelter Jews from the Nazis, even though doing so was so horribly dangerous.

In the moment, the choices aren't always so clear. If only the "of courses" were more evident when the decisions themselves had to be made.

My friends, we North Americans today must make decisions that will determine whether we end up on the right side of history. Today, millions of refugees wander the world in search of homes. Like our ancestors at many points in our own past, they have been uprooted by hate and conflict of all kinds, and they need safe havens – places where they can live safely, where their kids can go to school, and where they can work and thrive and flourish in an atmosphere of economic hope and opportunity.

Sadly, their search for safety takes place in a world of fear - a world of suspicion rather than welcome, a world of walls rather than bridges.

As Jews and as human beings, we should look with horror upon attempts to vilify people based on their race, religion, or ethnicity, and instead reach out our helping hands to those who need us. And today, unfortunately, millions are in need of the help that we can offer.

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As a congregation, we have an opportunity right now to put ourselves on the right side of history. Along with Living Spirit United Church and Friends Church, Temple B'nai Tikvah has been providing support to the Ghannam family — the parents, Adel and Hiyam, along with their four children, aged eight to seventeen. The Ghannams made their way here to Canada from their home in Aleppo, Syria about a year ago, and the three congregations have been helping them in a variety of ways.

Still, the family has pressing needs — Adel, who has a part-time job, needs help finding more employment; Hiyam could use assistance working on her English; the teenage daughters could benefit from tutoring; and the family needs certain household goods and some furniture. (If you can provide any of this support, please contact Susan Podlog at spodlog@shaw.ca.)

Of course helping the Ghannam family is the right thing to do. We're Jews, after all — a people called upon to love the stranger because we know what it's like to be strangers; a people who have ourselves been refugees far too often in the past; a people whose most sacred obligation is that of building a kinder, more compassionate world for all people everywhere.

So tell me, are you going to be on the right side of history? If so, please give generously to the Ghannam family, and please work with me to build a world of open borders and open hearts. To put ourselves on the right side of history, our choice right now couldn't be clearer.

Shalom,

Rabbi Mark Glickman

How YOU Can Donate to Temple

Tribute Cards — for just \$18 you can send a card to a loved one for any occasion.

Oneg Sponsorship — sponsoring an oneg is a wonderful way to commemorate an occasion and to help Temple. It's also a great way to celebrate a milestone birthday, marriage, birth or anniversary, or to commemorate a yahrzeit. Sponsorship rates are \$180 for an oneg, \$150 for a Saturday Kiddush, \$54 for wine and cheese at Shabbat Shiraz and \$250 for a pizza party. (Group sponsorships are welcome for a pizza party.) Your generous donation is announced before Shabbat services to acknowledge and share with the congregation in your family memories and celebrations.

Safeway & Calgary Co-op Gift Cards — when you purchase a Safeway or Calgary Co-op gift card, a percentage comes back to Temple. It's that easy. Co-op cards need to be ordered by completing an order form. The office has Safeway cards in stock in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$250. Just contact the Temple bookkeeper to purchase. Watch for further details to come on this fantastic Temple fundraiser!



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President's Message

Betsy Jameson

How Is a Synagogue Like a Carob Tree?

Our Shabbat School hosted a Tu B'Shevat Seder for students, parents, and Temple members on Saturday, February 11. It was fun, spirited, musical, and educational. We drank unfermented wine (aka grape juice), and ate fruits for each season. The Seder, which spoke to all ages, included a reading about a character known as Honi the Circle Maker:

One day, Honi was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

I've heard this story many times. The first time, I was a child in religious school. I don't remember if that version named Honi specifically, or if it specified carob trees. But I vividly remember hearing the story from Rabbi Leo Stillpass in Galveston, Texas, when I was six or seven years old. And I remember the message — if it takes trees a long time to bear fruit, then there's no time to waste. We need to plant them now.

I grew up in Congregation B'nai Israel, the oldest Reform Jewish congregation in Texas, founded in 1868 by immigrant German Jews. Since I left Galveston, the city has shrunk from a population of 70,000 to about 49,000 year-round residents. The Jewish population is smaller, but Congregation B'nai Israel still thrives. Generations of members provided the buildings, the staff, and the endowment that guarantees that there will be a Reform Jewish congregation I'dor v'dor — from generation to generation.

A synagogue is like a carob tree. We plant our energy, our engagement, our volunteer hours — and yes, our money — to ensure that our grandchildren and their grandchildren will have Jewish educations, life cycle ceremonies, services, culture, and community.

This is the first time I've talked about money, so let me say first that we're OK. Some of our members are challenged in the current economy, but others have donated and increased their Fair Share contributions. That is how it should be — everyone giving the energy, volunteer hours, and money that we can.

Now, our Ways and Means Committee is initiating a long-awaited planned giving campaign. Some of us will soon hear from Donna Riback, Ron Bing, or Bonnie Kaplan about options for planned giving. Please consider these ideas. They are the seeds to ensure the future of Temple B'nai Tikvah.

Let's plant some trees.

Life Cycle Events

Mazel Tov

- Madison Fine on her Bat Mitzvah on January 21.
- Rabbi Rick Kline and Ruhama Benavot on their wedding ceremony on February 10.

Condolences

- Marsha and Debra Carnat and Paul Gronnerud on the loss of their brother-in-law, John Kelly.
- Norm Yanofsky on the loss of his brother-in-law, Larry Winikoff.
- Elaine Bucknum on the loss of her husband, Ralph Nixon.
- Trudie Horodezky and family on the loss of her father, David Horodezky.

Healing Prayers

Harvey Balakofsky, Lisa Marr-Laing, Hineini bat Ruth, David Adelman, Martin Stoffman, Michael Sautman, Sherry Bambury, Allan Bambury, Eric Grief, Anne Belzberg, Norma Sautman, Landon Macarenhos, Sylvia Meyers, Stella Peszneker, Marsha Carnat, Julia Cornester, Hazel Orpen, Norma Karlinsky, Eva Zanbilowicz, Shirley Dunn, Mara Vogel, Trisha McKinney, Nancy Wolford, Anna Tarsitano, Bronwyn Leifer, Toby Strout, Francesca Scattarregia, Tova Yedlin, Debbie Bosomworth, Sofia Slovatek, Irma Hirshberg, Phil Rubin, Jim Moscovich, Rachel Moscovich, Mona Joffe, Marcel Natteau, Sharon Switzer, Sam Goresht, Rob Kirkham, Yehudit Chayil, Naomi Kerr, Ellen Dunn, Jennifer Herrell

Notes from the Office

Yahrzeit Wall Plaque Order

We are now accepting requests for the Temple sanctuary Yahrzeit Wall memorial plaques. These plaques are for loved one's names of parents, spouses, siblings and children of members. If you are interested in placing an order or have any questions, please contact the Temple office administrator and the required order form will be sent out to you.

Come and Experience Temple's New Oneg Flair!

With the generous assistance from our Volunteer Chair, Natashia Halikowski, our caretaker David has temporarily taken on the role of preparing and presenting the Friday night oneg and Saturday morning kiddush! David has a Moroccan flair that you don't want to miss! The only way you will get a taste of it is to come and enjoy in the community after Friday Shabbat and Saturday morning services.

Temple News

Rousing Tu b'Shevat Seder

by Jenny Laing

On February 11, the congregation celebrated Tu b'Shevat with a rousing seder full of fruits, juice and singing. This was the first time the Shabbat School community invited the congregation as a whole to join them in celebrating a holiday, and with over 120 people, it was a smash hit! Rabbi Glickman and Morah Katie kept the seder interesting, lively and fun with story and song, and there was participation from everyone from 3-93 years old! Many thanks to the Parent Committee volunteers, who arrived early, set tables, cut fruit, created beautiful seder plates, and then stayed late to clean up!





Notices

Movie Night

Join us for a night at the movies on Saturday, March 4 in the sanctuary starting at 7:00 pm with wine & cheese and Havdalah! Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors" is a drama that asks some of life's most profound questions about guilt and redemption, all in a finely written, compelling masterpiece of a film. If you haven't seen it, then be sure to come. If you already have seen it, come and see it again for added nuances of meaning and plot. Bring yourselves, some friends even a bottle of wine to share and we will provide a cozy space and popcorn for your viewing pleasure. Contact Sarah Rosenfeld at srosenfeld@live.com if you are able to join us!

There's a New Game in Town!

You can enjoy a coffee and challenge the Rabbi in a game of Scrabble on Tuesday, March 14th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the library OR you can bring your favorite game and a bottle of wine to our first "Games Night" on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm. Contact Ron Bing at mybing@shaw.ca if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!!

Ron Bing

B'tzelem Ehohim: Two Talks on What It Means to be Created in the Image of God.

Ryan Anderson, Lead Organizer of the Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MACG) will speak on Friday, March 3. MACG unites faith, labour, non-profit and community organizations so they can use their collective power to address social issues at their roots. He will be speaking on the topic, "B'tzelem Elohim:

In God's Image - How Recognizing the Image of God in One Another Changes the Way We Heal the World."

International Women's Day - Yom Haisha at JCC

Sunday, March 5, 11 am-3 pm, Calgary JCC - 1607 90 Ave. SW

An event that celebrates and praises women's empowerment, achievement, beauty and fun!

We will be opening the event with "Bold Women of Change - A retrospective", a talk about remarkable women that changed the status quo for the betterment of our world. The Lipshtick Comedy Chicks will bring lots of humour with their extraordinary stand-up performance. Orit Shimoni, renowned songwriter and performer, will give a workshop on "The Female Expressive & Creative Voice", where participants will be able to experience storytelling in a unique way. We will wrap up the event with "A Runway Galore! Clothing for Every Body", a fashion show featuring locally owned high-end boutiques.

Ladies will also have the opportunity to browse a designer marketplace, enjoy a cash bar, and many opportunities to win sensational door prizes provided by the distinguished vendors.

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Pre-purchase lunch ticket: \$7

http://www.calgaryjcc.com/yom-haisha-international-womens-day https://www.facebook.com/events/568163380042944/

Purchase tix at https://internationalwomensdayevent.eventbrite.com or call JCC at 403-253-8600.



Hello Tikvahlunteers!

It's Febrrrrruary but here's something to warm your heart: Our next monthly opportunity to help feed the homeless and less fortunate at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre is Sunday, March 26. We meet in the luxuriously appointed yet not overly flamboyant volunteer lounge on the 2nd floor right at 11:45 am. If you want to be part of this wonderful crew of volunteers, simply email me back at pfinkleman@shaw.ca, and let me know if you'll be bringing any others along with you, since you're very welcome to do so. Thank you!

Grateful to be a part of a Temple community that respects if not reveres positive social action.

- Paul Finkleman

B'nai Tikvah 2017 Canoe Trip

Join the next information night for Rabbi Glickman on Temple's canoe trip on March 7 at 7:00 pm in the Temple Library. This adventure is open to all ages and all experience levels (no experience required). Please submit your intent to attend by April 5, 2017 to Kyna O'Gallagher. The planning meeting is TBD in April. Deposits will be due after the planning meeting by May 15. Outfitted by Churchill River

Canoe Outfitters in the McLennan Lake Area, Missinipe Saskatchewan. Contact Kyna for an information package at 403-969-5864 or kynaog@shaw.ca

- Kyna O'Gallagher

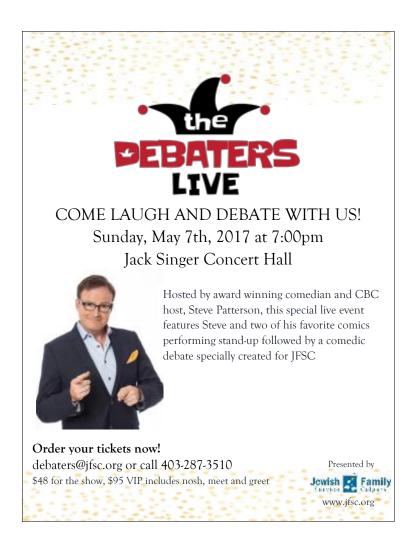
Mega Mitvah Bottle Drive to Support Our Sponsored Refugee Family

As part of our fundraising efforts to support the Ghannam family, we will be collecting empty bottles at Temple B'nai Tikvah on April 23, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 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, Manjit or Lorna when you get there. For further information please contact bottledrive@bnaitikvah.ca. Thank you for your support.

Alex Zisman

JFSC Presents The Debaters Live!

Jewish Family Service Calgary is bringing CBC Radio's hit comedy show *The Debaters Live!* to Calgary on May 7 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Jack Singer Concert Hall for a night of laughs and entertainment! Funds raised will support the social services provided by JFSC. For tickets, call 403-287-3510, email debaters@jfsc.org, or visit jfsc.org, or visit jfsc.org, or visit jfsc.org.



Planned Giving

YOU are a founder of Temple – YOU are a member who has worked to support Temple and help it grow. YOU want Temple to continue to exist and blossom into middle age and onward. YOU are the person the Ways and Means Committee plans to meet over the next few months to discuss planned giving. That means YOU want to ensure Temple's future fiscal stability by endowing funds or leaving an insurance policy with Temple as beneficiary.

One of three of us (Ron Bing, Bonnie Kaplan, or Donna Riback) will contact you. Each of us has made a financial commitment to Temple through an endowment or through life insurance. And we want to answer your questions, hear your suggestions, and join us in Temple's planned giving.

Donna Riback

Todah Rabah for Oneg Sponsorship

- Richard Bronstein & Judy Shapiro in memory of Clara Bronstein and Charna Shapiro.
- Jennifer Eiserman in memory of Rowena Mattison.

Yahrzeits

To be read on March 3

Gertie Knelman	William Malais	Roman Vimy	Ralph Clement Gronnerud	
Francesca Masters	rs Freda Spector Betsy Drabinsky		Eva Gold	
Marshall Lefcourt	Rebecca Warhaft	Irving Balakofsky	Yacov Ersh	
Joseph Fayerman	Hannu Myllykoski	Jack Sautman	Morris Shernofsky	
Joel Aaron Brodsky	Chaim Drabinsky	Esther Cramer	Solomon Shapiro	
Salek Bleiweiss	David Lenfest	Tilly Levine		

To be read on March 10

Regina Bleiweiss	Ida Lakritz	Edith Doctoroff	Dr. Arthur E. Newman
Derek Baker	Arthur Gotleib	Abe Wallace	Louis Belzberg
Joseph Berlind	Maurice Kustan	Ruth R. Carnat	Dorothy Hodgins
Paul Sharpe	Leon Singer	Colin Laing	

To be read on March 17

Lillian Kaplan	David Mendel Kovitz	Ruth Neiman	Henry David Plucer	
Ruth Stanleigh Jack Goodman		George Haas	Florence Moscovich	
Allan Bernbaum	Rabbi Elijah Palnick	Monte Singer	Barney Yanofsky	
Aron Eichler	Rose Girtle	Oscar Kirshner	Esther Lakritz	
Vern Millard	Clara Wolk			

To be read on March 24

Edward Arato	Henrique Ferreira	Alfred Harder	Edna McNeilly
Clair Moscovich	air Moscovich Hanz Zechner		Stella Ziff
Trevor Arnold Paul	Max Goldstein	Bernard Isaacs	Susan Klein
Robert Smolkin	Moshe Zack	Samuel Feldman	Fay Mintz
Maarta Raita	Gersen Wallace		

To be read on March 31

Gerald Halikowski	Benjamin Kravtsov	Sarah Ponak	Betty Gelman
Yenta Rosenthal Joseph Rosenfeld J		Jim Dudder Nate Frankel	
Sidney Kane Leo Birnbaum		Samuel Silberberg	Virginia Boughner
Ricky Loomer	Michael McGuinness	Haim Slavatek	

Donations

Todah Rabah for these donations.

In Honour Of	From	Occasion			
Building Fund					
Alain & Ferrol Hepner	Betsy Jameson	Condolences			
Alain & Ferrol Hepner	Lee & Leslie Handy	Condolences			
Temple	Barry Steinfeld	In memory of Bluma Steinfeld			
Martin Stoffman	Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Mazel Tov on your special birthday			
Elaine Bucknum	Ron & Judy Bing	Condolences			
Daniel Arato Fund					
Peter & Judith Arato	Stephen & Kathie Wainer	Thinking of you			
John Konig	Randi & Jackie Szymkowicz	Congratulations on your 90th birthday			
General Operating Fund					
Hepner & Segal Families	Phyllis Krygier	Condolences			
Alain & Ferrol Hepner	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences			
Danny Oppenheim	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Refu'ah shlema			
David Hodgins & Roz Mendelson	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	In appreciation			
Temple	Keith Rodgers	In memory of Marguerite Bleviss-Rodgers			
Temple	Becky Hapton	In memory of Leon Hapton			
Naomi Kerr	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Get well			
Temple	Kenneth Brown	In memory of Jean Brown			
Temple	Alain Hepner	In memory of Ruth Sector			
Elaine Bucknum	Betsy Jameson	Condolences			
Trudie Horodezky & Family	Betsy Jameson	Condolences			
Elaine Bucknum	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences			
Alain & Ferrol Hepner	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences			
Norm Yanofsky	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences			

In Honour Of	From	Occasion		
Marsha Carnat	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences		
Deb Carnat & Paul Gronnerud	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences		
Madison Fine	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov		
Rabbi Rick Kline & Rhuhama Benavot	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov		
Temple	Ron Plucer	In memory of Henry David Plucer		
Jewish Enrichment Fund				
Elaine Bucknum	David Hodgins & Roz Mendelson	Condolences		
Temple	Lee & Leslie Handy	In memory of Ron Sautman		
Temple	Molly Ross	In memory of Esther Ross		
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund				
Temple	Rick & Rhonda Zabrodski	In memory of Carole Zabrodski		
Temple	Deborah Sword	In memory of Sally & Dinah Spindel		
Smolkin Memorial Wall Fund				
Temple	Pat Smolensky	In memory of Ben Smolensky		
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Bloomfield	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Condolences		
Marcha & Yehudit Gur-Arie	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Condolences		
Jenny Belzberg	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Condolences		
Social Action Fund				
Madison Fine	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov		
Madison Fine	Leslie Handy	Mazel Tov		
Temple	David & Nadine Drexler	In memory of Les Drexler		
Temple	David & Nadine Drexler	In memory of Thelma Gelfond		

March 2017

Saturday	Parashat Terumah 9:30 AM Shabbat School 10:00 AM Gr S&6 Family Education 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Movie Night (Crimes & Misdemeanors) 7:14 PM Havdalah (50 min)	Eev Purim Parashat Tetzaveh 9:30 AM Shabbat School 10:00 AM Shabbat School 10:15 AM Shabbat Sewice 11:00 AM Purim Carnival 7:26 PM Havdalah (50 min)	Parashat KI Tisa 9:30 AM Shabbat School 10:15 AM Shabbat School 10:15 AM Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Oskin 8:37 PM Havdalah (50 min)	Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:00 AM 7pm Temple Cames Night 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 8:49 PM Havdalah (50 min)	Parashat Vayikra = 10:15 AM Shabbat Service = 9:00 PM Havdalah (50 min)
Friday	= 6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service = 6:04 PM Candle lighting = 7:45 PM Renewal Service = 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	= 6:00 PM Grade 3&4 Shabbat Dinner = 6:16 PM Candle lighting = 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser- vice	17.27 PM Candle lighting 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	24 —7:15 PM Shabbat Shiraz (Wine and cheese) —7:39 PM Candle lighting —8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	31 31.51 PM Candle lighting 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday	2 = 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism	6	16 = 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism	23	30 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism
Wednesday	1	∞	15 Ge:30 PM Board of Trustees meeting	22	29
Tuesday	28 = 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	7 = 6:15 PM Weekday minyan = 7:00 PM Canoe Trip Information Meeting (Library) = 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	14 Rabbi 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	= 1:30 PM Scrabble with the Rabbi = 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	28 = 6:15 PM Weekday minyan
Monday	27	w	Shushan Purim	20	27
Sunday	26 11:45 AM Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch Froo PM Cancelled: Carly's Voice: Breaking through Autsim (JDAIM)	5 ■ 11:00 AM Yom Haisha celebration	Purim 12	19	26 = 11:45 AM Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch

For more information on the Calgary Drop-In Centre, please contact Paul Finkleman at pfinkleman@shaw.ca or (403) 252-8967.