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From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Mark Glickman

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The Blessings of Summer

It's summertime. Our Shabbat School is on its summer break; there aren't quite as many programs at Temple as there are at other times of the year; and many of us travel, spending our time far away from our beloved synagogue, the major locus of many Jewish events in our lives. For many of us, summertime is a season that's high on recreation, but short on Judaism.

But it doesn't have to be that way. In fact, one of the reasons that Judaism has survived throughout the centuries is its adaptability to different contexts. We can "do Jewish" at home, or when we're shopping or at work; when we're at the synagogue, or far away from it; when we're with large groups of Jewish people, or when we're alone. In fact, not only can Judaism touch our lives in all of these different contexts, it's supposed to! Every moment, our tradition teaches, is potentially a moment of sanctity. All we have to do is open the door and let God in.

One easy way to do this is by reciting blessings. There are all kinds of blessings that we recite in Judaism – we recite blessings when we fulfill religious commandments such as lighting Shabbat candles, putting up a mezuzah, or even washing our hands. We also recite blessings during worship services.

And there's another category of blessings that often gets overlooked. Our tradition calls upon us to recite "blessings of enjoyment" – blessings that you say upon the occasion of certain events. There's a blessing that you're supposed to say when you see a rainbow, another when you first put on a piece of new clothing, and another when you see the ocean.

Another blessing of enjoyment is one that we here in Calgary have many opportunities to recite – the "Mountain Blessing." In Judaism, when you see beautiful mountains, you're supposed to say:

"Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, oseh ma'aseih v'reisheet. Blessed are you, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who fashions the work of creation."



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You can say this blessing when you drive to Banff, when you fly over the Rockies in an airplane, or even when you get a peek of the mountains from here in town. Whatever the context, this prayer allows us to translate into words the gasp that comes to our throat upon seeing an awesome view in the natural world around us.

Even though it's summertime, even though you might not currently be enjoying the level of Jewish programming that you enjoy during other times of year, Jewish opportunities abound. One of those opportunities is simply that of reciting a nine-word Hebrew blessing, hallowed by our people through the ages as one way to make an otherwise ordinary moment sublime.

When you get good at it, saying this blessing only takes a few seconds. It's easy, so why not give it a try? Who knows – saying this simple Hebrew prayer might send your soul soaring as high as the mountaintops it praises God for creating.

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 acknowledged in the weekly Shabbat pamphlet.

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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The Year That Was



It's been a good year at Temple B'nai Tikvah.

We welcomed Rabbi Mark Glickman as our fourth settled rabbi. The Reform movement prefers the word "settled" to "permanent" rabbi—no rabbi signs a lifetime contract. The transition to a new rabbi is like any new relationship—it takes time, usually at least 18-24 months. But a year into our relationship, I hope we are together for a very long time. It is a joy to work with Rabbi Glickman, to learn from him, to experience his warmth, intelligence, humour, compassion, and his care for our congregation.

Here are only some of the highlights of our first year together:

President's Message

Betsy Jameson

In September, we enjoyed a welcome-back barbecue as we geared up for a new year. Shabbat School began with extraordinary teachers and the lively professional leadership of Jenny Laing.

In October, we used our new siddur, *Mishkan Hanefesh*, for all the High Holidays. Thanks again to Al Osten for this generous gift. An inspiring talk from Dr. Gayla Rogers initiated a new Lunch and Learn program. We've since enjoyed talks by Dr. Adrienne Kertzer, Rabbi Glickman and Sari Shernofsky, Don Braid and Sydney Sharpe, and Katie Baker. We welcome ideas for future programs.

November brought a major milestone with Rabbi Glickman's installation and the opportunity to learn from his mentor, Rabbi Gary Zola, who joined us as the Moshe Yedlin Scholar-in-Residence through the generosity of Deborah Yedlin and Martin Molyneaux.

And who can forget renowned Israeli musician Noa's moving rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," just after learning of Cohen's death. Thanks to Steve Eichler, who continues the tradition he initiated of contemporary Israeli music at Temple B'nai Tikvah.

December brought a personal highlight for me, when Rabbi Glickman and I attended the Shallet Seminar for congregations in transition to new rabbis—an invaluable opportunity to learn, reflect, and set goals together. And we started our new holiday dinner project at Discovery House.

February brought a beautiful high-energy Tu B'Shevat Seder with our Shabbat School, followed in March by an awesome Purim celebration with Rabbi Glickman leading Shabbat services in his Queen Esther costume. If you missed it, you'll want to save the date for 5778. I always love our annual Women's Seder—another date to save for next year.

May highlighted our place in the larger Jewish and Calgary communities, starting with the Negev Dinner, honouring our own Al Osten, masterfully MC'd by Steve Eichler—a man of so many hats—and chaired by Donna Riback. Mega Mitzvah Day highlighted the Shabbat School students' *tikkun olam* projects, collected food for Miriam's Well, and gathered a mountain of bottles to help support the Ghanam family. Our wonderful Drop-In Centre volunteers cooked our annual Mega Mitzvah Meal for grateful guests. And Temple hosted the community Yom Ha Zikaron commemoration, a two-year "tradition" to be continued.

In June one of the goals Rabbi Glickman and I set in December came to fruition, as we expanded the roles of two part-time professional staff, Director of Education Jenny Laing, and our new Music Director, Katie Baker. Katie, who grew up in Temple, builds from the musical foundations that Norm Yanofsky established. Norm and Deb Finkleman will continue to provide music at services.

This year, too, the Ways and Means Committee initiated a long-hoped-for planned giving campaign. Social Action began a new association with the Metro Alliance for the Common Good, and will soon partner with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to staff a south Calgary satellite distribution centre for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.

None of this could have happened without the dedication of our staff and countless volunteers. I especially want to thank Danny Oppenheim, Sheila Hart, Connie Harding, David Even-Har, Ken Sullivan, and Phil Horovitz for all they do to keep Temple running. And huge thanks to Rabbi Glickman, Katie Baker, Jenny Laing, and all the gifted Shabbat School teachers.

I have been blessed with an extraordinary Board of Trustees and Executive Committee who devote countless hours and enormous care to Temple. I especially thank the Board Members who are ending their terms: Andy Kubrin, Elaine Hashman, Elise Thomas, Lori Hartwick, Ted Switzer, and Bruce Winston. Thanks as well to Roz Mendelson, who has chaired an exemplary Transition Committee and the High Holidays Committee.

A huge thanks to Cynthia Simmons, who served as Temple President over twenty years ago, rejoined the Board, and did an exemplary job as Treasurer. We faced a challenging situation when neither our First nor Second Vice President could succeed me as President. Cynthia, with typical grace and dedication, has stepped up to serve as First Vice President next year. I hope she may inspire other members to volunteer in the future. As I write this, we urgently need a Treasurer. If you can do it, please call me.

The coming year will bring more highlights, more milestones. We will begin our new Rugelach Program for our youngsters. And there will be a huge, eagerly anticipated change: Dr. Caron Glickman has just sold her dental practice. I am almost as happy as Rabbi Glickman that we'll soon have her here most of the time.

It's been a good year. I look forward to the challenges and adventures that lie ahead. May we, together, continue to grow from strength to strength.

Life Cycle Events

Todah Rabah for Oneg Sponsorship

- Rick & Rhonda Zabrodski in memory of Alice Gotleib
- Naomi Johansen in memory of Dorteia Powell, Rose Zack and Miriam Haavik
- Carole Stoffman in honour of her granddaughter Jaqui Jubinville's Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov

- Jaqui Jubinville on her Bat Mitzvah on June 24

Healing Prayers

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

Kobayashi, Sharon Dudder, Bob Dudder, Rachel bat Leiba Chaya v'Mosheh, Marcia Bell, Itzhak Likver ben Rachel & Abraham, Freda bat Esther Plucer, Randall Craig, London Bambury, Kobe Bambury, Peter Walker

Temple News

Temple Members Win Writer's Guild Award

Mazel tov to Sydney Sharpe and Don Braid who received the Wilfred Eggleston Award for nonfiction for their new book, *Notley Nation: How Alberta's Political Upheaval Swept the Country*. They were among 10 literary award winners honoured by the Writer's Guild of Alberta.

Roz Mendelson Receives the Shem Tov Award

Congratulations to Roz Mendelson on being a recipient of the Shem Tov award, presented by Calgary Jewish Federation at their AGM, on June 21, 2017.



Roz Mendelson receives the Shem Tov award from Calgary Jewish Federation Board President (and former Temple President) Bruce Libin.

Bomb Shelters for New Houses in Israel

by Ron Bing

I thought it might be interesting to share some observations after Judy and I returned from a three week visit to Israel, where we lived together with my cousins for most of the time. A little family history: My parents came to Canada in 1933 from Germany. My uncles and aunts moved to Palestine in the 1930s, before Israel was established, so my cousins grew up in Israel and have lived there all of their lives.

Observation 1 - Great Divide

There seems to be a great divide between the religious Jews and the secular Jews. It is interesting that my father's Bing relatives fall under the former and my mother's Aron relatives fall under the latter. Most Israelis are secular Jews, however the religious Jews seem to exercise a disproportionate amount of power in government and their birthrate is much higher. There appears to be a lack of respect between the two factions. In particular, the secular Jews do not appreciate the Ultra-Orthodox, who are exempt from military service. All men enter the military for three years at age 18 and women at age 19 for two years. After that they are in the reserve for several weeks each year.

Observation 2 – Jews & Arabs

It seems that for the most part the Arabs and the Jews do not respect each other, although they live and work together. I was told that 99% of the Arabs live in harmony with the Jewish population, but terrorism arises out of the 1%. I could sense prejudice between the groups by some of the comments made by my cousins. Apparently they continue to teach hatred towards Jews in the Arab schools. Many Arabs are Israeli citizens. Many Arabs who live outside the Green Line enter Israel for work. Arabs seem to work in occupations that the Israelis don't want.

Observation 3 – Peace Process

Most of the Israelis I spoke with are pessimistic about the peace process. They believe there will never be peace in their life time. We were in Jerusalem when President Trump came for a visit. The streets were closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic for some time so we ended up waiting and walking quite a bit that day. Judy saw President Trump in his limousine as he passed by in front of the Imbal Hotel. I am an optimist, so I believe there will be peace after the implementation of a "two state solution." I was interviewed by a Channel 5 Israeli TV reporter who wanted me to say that "I love Trump" and she would give me a T shirt. I spoke about my ideas on the peace process coming from far away and how they differed from my cousins who do not believe there will ever be peace as they are too close to the action. In the end the reporter said; "He loves Trump" and gave me the T-shirt.

Observation 4 – Security

One Friday evening we were visiting the daughter of my cousin, who lives in Kibbutz Yechiam, where we celebrated Shabbat with their family in their new modern house. They showed me their "security room" which is a bomb shelter constructed of thick reinforced concrete with a steel entrance door. It was explained that in the event of a rocket attack this would keep the family safe providing it was not a direct hit. Apparently, all new houses must include a "security room" in order to receive a construction permit. This is a sobering thought. While driving on several modern express highways we passed trucks hauling huge Israeli army tanks. This was rather a strange site for a Canadian. Heavy steel guard posts have

recently been installed in front of bus stops in order to stop a terrorist from driving into waiting passengers. Israel spends 30% of their budget on the military. Canada spends 1% and President Trump wants us to increase our spending to 2%.

Observation 5 – Melting Pot

Several of my relatives' children are married to Sephardic Jews from Morocco, Turkey, etc. Israel has become a "melting pot" for Jews from around the globe.

Observation 6 – High Tech in the Middle East

Israel has become a leader in "high tech" industries. In some ways it is a modern country, however the life here is quite different from Canada because it is located in the Middle East. It seems they still allow smoking in restaurants!

Observation 7 – Western Wall

We visited the Kotel (Western Wall) several times when in Jerusalem. This is considered the holiest site for Jews because it is closest to where the "Holy of Holy" was kept during the time of the 2nd Temple. Structurally the Western Wall is actually the western side of the huge shoebox-like structure that was constructed by Herod to raise up the ground where the 2nd Temple was built. Unfortunately, Jewish women continue to be restricted in their desire to pray at this site. At B'nai Tikvah, we face our "Western Wall" when we pray in the main sanctuary.

Observation 8 – Secular Jews

Secular Jews living in Israel do not practice their religion as we do at Temple B'nai Tikvah. For the most part their Judaism consists of getting together with their families for Shabbat and holidays. Jewish holidays are observed in Israel similar to Easter and Christmas in Canada. In Israel weekends are Friday and Saturday. Thirty years ago the Minister of Education removed the teaching of Jewish religion from public schools, so most secular Jews do not know much about their religion. Strange situation for a Jewish state! Secular Israelis live their Judaism through Jewish holidays but not through a synagogue.

9 – Conclusion

I hope that you have learned a little about living in Israel by reading these observations. You may agree or disagree. The idea for this article is to stimulate discussion on the differences between Jewish life in Calgary and in Israel. Perhaps one day we can visit Israel together with our rabbi to learn more about what it means to be a Jew in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Calgary.

Notices

Join Rabbi Glickman on the Bimah!

We are looking to have greater member participation at our Friday Erev Shabbat services. Beginning in late August, three individuals will be asked each week to take part in the service, either to light candles or to do a reading. IDEALLY, congregants who plan to attend the Erev Shabbat service on a specific Friday will email or call me to volunteer. Realistically, I'll begin contacting members early each week to fill those slots!

I hope I can count on the support of our Temple members. Watch for more details in the September issue of Kol Tikvah, late summer email blasts, etc. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer for a certain

Shabbat, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time by email, momified@shaw.ca or at my home number, 403-764-6803.

— Jane Paterson

Membership Notes

Membership renewal packages have been emailed to all current members. If you have not received one, please contact the office at 403-252-1654 or office@bnaitikvah.ca.

If you are aware of anyone not currently on our mailing list who would like to receive a membership package, please contact the office as soon as possible and we will ensure they receive one.

The deadline for renewal and High Holiday arrangements is August 11. Please be aware that the administrative staff has many renewals to process over a short period of time. Your timeliness and consideration are greatly appreciated!

Social Action Teams up with Metro Alliance for the Common Good

Social Action is always building relationships with other faith communities as we engage in more activities and projects. Over this past year, we have forged a new relationship with a group called the Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MACG), a non-denominational group made up of churches, unions, and a variety of community organizations who bring about change by addressing and resolving the root issues. MACG has developed three Research Action Teams in the following areas: Native Reconciliation, Seniors' Issues and Poverty and Economic Pressures, and Temple would like to contribute members to each of these teams so we can contribute in a meaningful way. If you want take part in these discussions and research activities, want to effect meaningful change in the greater community, or if you want to create a "Made in Temple" Research Action Team, please contact us. To volunteer and to get more information, please email Jon Zyto at jon@montaguemattress.com.

Save the Date

BBQ for Calgary Pride and CIJA before services on Friday, September 1, 2017 at Temple B'nai Tikvah to support LGBTQ and inclusion within the Jewish community.

Community Notes

Love to Golf?

Save the date for the 3rd annual **Martin, Staniloff & Thal Charity Golf Classic**. Held at D'Arcy Ranch Golf Club in Okotoks on August 24, 2017. Lunch and registration at 12:00 pm, tee time at 1:30 pm. Banquet and awards to follow. Registration: \$250/golfer, \$450/couples, \$900/foursomes. Entry deadline: August 11, 2017. For more information, to register or to become a sponsor contact Jewish Family Service Calgary at golf@jfsc.org, call 403-287-3510, or visit our website www.jfsc.org. Proceeds to support JFSC's programs to assist Calgarians living in under-privileged situations.



Building Community: A Walking Tour of Historic Jewish Calgary

Sunday July 30, 10:30 am-12:30 pm & Thursday August 3, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Meet: Municipal Plaza, by City Hall.

Harry Sanders will be our guide to the early Jewish presence in Calgary. His illustrated tour will highlight locations and stories important to the community from the 1880s to the end of the Second World War. Part of Historic Calgary Week 2017.

This Historic Calgary Week tour is being presented with the support of a Government of Canada, Canada 150 Community Foundation Grant, and is part of a larger project that will include the creation of an online, self-guided tour.

Committee Reports

Caring Community Committee Report

By Susan Klassen and Tina Stanleigh
Caring Community Committee Co-chairs

Caring Community has had a good year with helping our members in various ways. We started last fall with a meet and learn session for our volunteers. Unfortunately, it was not well attended, however, our volunteers have done a superb job of supporting our members who are in need. Thank you all very much!

We have contacted everyone who was reported to have need of our committee.

We have helped members with rides to appointments and getting errands run.

Rabbi Glickman visited members who were hospitalized. Our volunteers have done a fantastic job of making phone calls, preparing meals and delivering meals.

Our plan is to continue with our work and address needs of our members as they come up. We would like to acknowledge all the wonderful volunteers that have helped make our year a success Annie Brodsky, Nadine Drexler, Elaine Harris, Susan Light, Ron Plucer, Charmaine Thomas, Thorn Walden. Thank you all for your support!

Thank you to Rabbi Glickman for his guidance, support and encouragement.

Tina Stanleigh has stepped down from the co-chair position, however, will remain as a volunteer. Susan Klassen will remain as Caring Community Chair.

Communications Committee Report

By Andy Kubrin – Communications Committee Chair

The Communications Committee consisted of Andy Kubrin, Jay Palter, Josh Hesslein, Marsha Levy, Monica Lis, Kayla Lis, Susan Rubin, Tania Guerrero, and Zoe Hodgins. Allan Bell, Marcia Bell, Elaine Hashman, Jane Paterson, Katherine Pickering, Myron Podlog, and Alex Zisman also helped with the proofreading of *Kol Tikvah*. Andrea Katz helped with photography. Ron Bing, Nadine Drexler, and others contributed articles to *Kol Tikvah*.

The committee communicated with the Temple's audiences primarily via the Temple website, Facebook page, and *Kol Tikvah*. The committee also assisted the office with email notices to the congregation. Highlights of the year included Rabbi Glickman's arrival and installation. For Rabbi's arrival, the committee arranged an interview with the *Calgary Herald*. A redesign of the Temple's website is in progress and should debut by fall.

The committee thanks its members, contributors, and *Kol Tikvah* proofreaders for their invaluable assistance.

Membership Committee Report

By Elaine Hashman – Membership Committee Chair

Temple membership continues to be on solid footing, with a net increase of eight (8) membership units over last year. I believe this is due to the persistent efforts of clergy, staff and trustees to be welcoming and inclusive, while remaining sensitive to the barriers that sometimes get in the way of full participation. It is also due to the unwavering support and commitment of our members. Special thanks to those who have generously supported Temple's Fair Share program.

Looking to 2018, we hope to build on this year's success by continuing to reach out to members, and potential members, as personally and as regularly as we can. The Membership Committee achieves this mainly through personal phone calls or email, new member Welcome Baskets, and special events such as the annual end-of-summer BBQ. New avenues of connection, such as a Virtual Chavurah, have been and will continue to be explored. Our overarching goal remains the same – that we ensure quality interaction with, and engagement of, every member, every time.

Temple has again evolved with the distribution of our annual membership package via email in 2017. A great deal of thought and effort went into this process, and for most, it was a seamless transition. Any

concerns brought forward have been reviewed and we continue to work closely with the office staff to further streamline the renewal process and all required documentation.

Once again, I would like to thank the many who have helped make my job easier.

First, to the members: I have greatly appreciated the honest feedback that you have shared with me over the past two years, as well as your trust in doing so.

Secondly, to my exceptional group of volunteers: Deb Finkleman and her team for the preparation and delivery of Shabbat Baskets to each new member; Maggie Serpa & Ilana Krygier-Lapides whose phone calls helped to maintain a personal connection with Temple members; Elaine Bruce-Haynes & Gloria Ross for ensuring member needs were met at High Holy Day services; Jane Paterson for her continued support during the transition; Natashia Halikowski, Ilana Krygier-Lapides & Sarah Rosenfeld for their collaboration on the very successful Welcome Back BBQ.

Finally, to my colleagues: Fellow Trustees, President Betsy Jameson, Rabbi Mark Glickman, Executive Director Danny Oppenheim, and staff, especially Sheila Hart, for their steadfast support throughout my tenure. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve with you. I wish you all continued success in the future.

Ritual Committee Report

By Norman Yanofsky – Ritual Committee Chair

2016-2017 marked the first year of Rabbi Mark Glickman's tenure, and the Ritual Committee set as its priority facilitating Rabbi Glickman's welcome, reviewing Temple's practices, discussing ongoing issues, considering topics submitted by Temple members, and moving (slowly) towards a renewed vision based on his perspective.

Below is a brief description of the major discussions.

Final note: After seven years, I have passed the mantle of Ritual Committee Chair to Mark Paidra, who, I am confident, will work with Rabbi Glickman and the members of the Committee to guide the congregation forward in all matters ritual.

Role of the Ritual Committee - Rabbi Glickman: Rabbi Glickman sees the Ritual Committee as having two main functions:

- 1) Policy-setting committee on questions such as *siddurim*, sanctuary use, etc.
- 2) Forum for discussion between the rabbi and the congregation.

Tuesday Minyan: The Tuesday *Minyan* continues, although attendance has been spotty with less than ten participating at most services. Congregants are encouraged to attend Tuesdays at 6:15 PM.

Wearing kippot / tallit in the Sanctuary: Reform practice recommends that wearing ritual accessories is optional, although, in our congregation the *minhag* is recommended. Rabbi Glickman emphasized that the practice apply equally to both genders. Regarding guests to Temple - particularly non-Jewish visitors, an explanation needs to be made to explain that wearing a *kippah* is acceptable but not required.

High Holidays: 2016 marked the first use of *Mishkan HaNefesh* for all services. For this year (2017), new books have been purchased for *Selichot* and the Children's High Holiday services.

Reading Silently During the Amidah: Different services follow different models. The *Amidah* is read silently at some services, and read aloud at others. Congregants who have an issue with this practice should contact Rabbi Glickman.

Misheberach List: Our Temple practice has been different from other congregations, and, as Temple continues to grow, the list will continue to grow. The option recommended by the Committee and Rabbi Glickman is to print the *Misheberach* list to make it available for all to read. This will also facilitate names being added. In addition, the *Yahrtzeit* list and the weekly announcements are also printed on the same handout. Temple's new practice conforms to that of other congregations.

Ensuring the Safety of Our Torahs: A congregant suggested that we affix a lock on the Ark to ensure the safety of our *Torahs*. A review of our insurance policy underscored that the current practice of an unlocked Ark is acceptable.

Shabbat Services Focus Discussion: *Shabbat Shiraz* continues to attract significant participation. Would focussed themes for other services provide the same outcome? Can we attract more families with children to attend services? This topic was discussed but not resolved. Congregant feedback would be appreciated.

Use of Technology in Sanctuary: This topic falls into two categories.

- **Current Practice:** The Committee supported Rabbi Glickman's position that cameras may record events but must be stationary, and the use of a flash during the service is not permitted.
- **Future Practice:** Many congregations, as well as churches, are moving / have moved to increasing use of technology in their services. Some forms include livestreaming of services, screens to replace prayerbooks and showing words of songs, showing powerpoints and videos during the service...The Committee recommends that the **Communications Committee** research the topic and discuss their findings with the Ritual Committee.

Ritual Committee Explanation for the Temple Website: The following wording will appear on the Temple website: "The Ritual committee consults with the rabbi to consider the rituals and observances of the synagogue and to promote practices in the home to enhance the values of Jewish living. The committee also provides a forum for congregants to raise concerns or suggest areas of interest for further consideration by the rabbi and the Committee."

Congregational Involvement in Services: The Committee supports the importance of congregant participation in services - reading, chanting, dressing the *Torah*... **Mark Paidra** will be actively addressing this topic.

Training a corps for the Hagbah - Lifting the open *Torah* is more complicated than it might appear. It was suggested that a corps of volunteers be identified and trained to ensure the safety of our *Torahs*. Rabbi Glickman and the committee will address this issue.

Attendance at Yizkor Service: Traditionally, *Yizkor* services have been scheduled when they fall on the calendar, usually on weekday mornings. This has made it impossible for many Temple members to attend. A decision was made to schedule *Yizkor* services in the evening. This actually began at *Shavuot* last month. In addition, Rabbi Glickman began sending out invitations / reminders to families who lost a loved one in the past year to attend the service at the scheduled time. We expect this shift will better meet the needs of our congregants.

Social Action Committee Report

By Jon Zyto – Social Action Chair

2017 was a bit of a transition and challenge for Social Action. Our mainstay and focus for the last 10 years- Inn From the Cold- ended suddenly and without prior notice so this past year was a period of reinvention. The challenge was, and continues to be, what sort of activism can Temple engage in that will involve Temple members in meaningful ways. The committee met quarterly this past year, giving support to existing projects and introducing and developing new ones. Some worked and some did not.

Projects under way include the following:

- Community Garden
- Lunch program for the Calgary Drop-in Centre
- Christmas lunch for Discovery House residents. Talks are under way currently to determine what support Temple can give on an ongoing basis
- Brown Bag lunch program. **Volunteers currently needed for that.**
- Miriam's Well. Food collection for Jewish family Services
- Syrian Family sponsorship. The family has found permanent housing, the children are attending school and the financial commitment has been met. Temple members continue to provide other services such as tutoring, resume building, financial advice, etc.
- Mega Mitzvah day. This involved showcasing classroom projects and for the b'nai mitzvah class, individual student projects. There was also a bottle drive with funds raised going to the Syrian family. A third project to clean up the Weaselhead was also held this past May. Mega Mitzvah day will become an annual event with the third portion to consist of local community action to engage Temple members at large, not just those members whose children attend religious school.

Social Action has initiated two new projects this year:

Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MACG). This is a new direction for Social Action as it is more in line with social activism rather than hands-on volunteering. See more details under Social Action Teams up with Metro Alliance for the Common Good on page 8.

Satellite Food Distribution Centre for the Calgary Food Bank. This will be an interfaith project in partnership with St Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Heritage Drive. This has been initiated by Calgary Food Bank itself as there is a great need in the Southwest of Calgary for such a centre. This will start in September and will be held once per week (to start with) with food baskets given out from St Andrew's on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 pm. Baskets will be received on Friday mornings (9:00-10:00 am). **4-5 volunteers will be needed every week for Saturday shifts and 1-2 volunteers for the Friday morning shift.** Volunteers will also be needed to bake and serve goodies, serve coffee, and socialize with food bank recipients. Other endeavours are also under consideration, such as clothing racks and a book exchange.

For Temple members interested in volunteering in any of the above, or who have a personal desire to see something dear to their heart started, please email Jon Zyto at: jon@montaguemattress.com.

Social Committee Report

By Sarah Rosenfeld – Social Committee Chair

This year the social committee worked to engage congregants through a variety of holiday programming. We held a new members BBQ in the fall, a pot luck Chanukah party, a Purim party in collaboration with the Shabbat school. We also partnered with the Calgary JCC to co-host another hugely successful Yom Hazikaron event. All events were extremely well attended and enjoyed by members of the congregation and other members of the Calgary Jewish community. We piloted a movie evening and several games afternoons with initiative from Ron Bing.

Thank you to all our volunteers and other members of our Temple community who made this year's events such a success.

Ways & Means Committee Report

By Donna Riback – Ways & Means Committee Chair

Temple did not have a Ways and Means Committee for several years prior to the 2016-17 year. The main thrust of the re-formed Committee is to plan annual fundraising and place a strong focus on legacy/planned giving. We have been charged with the task of raising between \$20,000 and \$25,000 annually.

At the committee's first meeting in the fall, it was agreed to focus on these 2 fundraising objectives. Three members preferred to work on Planned Giving – Ron Bing, Bonnie Kaplan and Donna Riback. We were aware at that point that each of these three people had already established a Legacy for Temple through the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary (JCFC) hence were appropriate to approach other Temple members on this topic. Working with the JCFC, a pamphlet was produced and printed for our use. Letters signed by Rabbi Glickman, President Betsy Jameson, and one of the Committee members, were mailed to a select group of Temple members. Personal visits were set up. We were surprised to learn that several people visited had already established a Legacy for Temple. Contacting Temple members is continuing and being met with interest.

The Committee discussed various annual fundraising ideas but at this point in time, has chosen to focus on increasing the pre-existing program of selling grocery store gift cards. Temple used to derive a substantial income from selling grocery store cards but that number has waned in the past few years. We suspect this could be the result of many new members being unaware the program exists at Temple. To that end, we have increased the publicity to make the program more well-known and attempt to raise as much as we used to. The people who have worked on this part of fundraising are: Judith Arato, Donna Riback and Gloria Ross.

This first year's efforts have resulted in focus and objectives but not necessarily more income. We have higher, and we believe, more realistic, expectations for this new fiscal year.

Currently, members of this Committee other than those already mentioned above are: Peter Arato, Gertrude Cohos, Chandra Ingram, Scott Morgan.

We welcome the assistance of any Temple members who would like to join us in our efforts. It is imperative that we raise more funds to enable Temple to continue its current and popular programs, to keep our beautiful building in good repair, and to be able to consider new initiatives.



Betzael Arts Presents

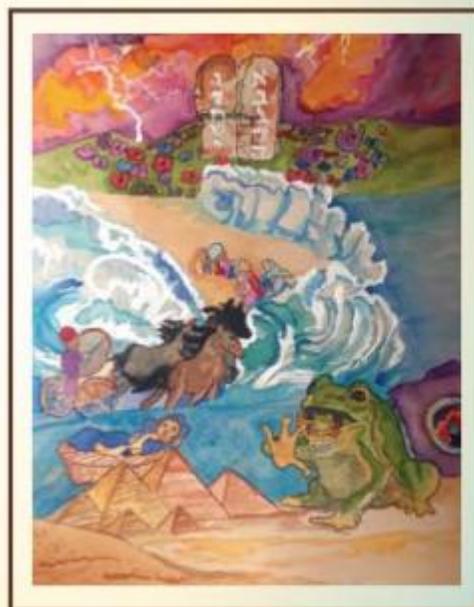
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Yahrzeits

To be read on July 7

Bronya Logvinskaya	Colleen Smolkin	Harry Karlinsky	Laja Zomer
Judith Borenstein	Myrna Diane Levine	Max Eisenstadt	

To be read on July 14

Henry Krygier	Ralph Welikovitch	Sam Eichler	Harold Hutchinson
Rose Stoffman	Lazarus Palnick	Raymond Singer	William Staum
Saul Rosenbaum	Stella Goldstein	Bertha Levin	Juana Cudsko de Asrilian

To be read on July 21

Diane Freedman	Jean Lower	Emily Finkleman	Gary Lutz
Rose Winograd	Edward Grobman	Louis Korman	Richard Light
Morry Rogers	Dora Finkelman	Harry Baecker	Karen Philip

To be read on July 28

Ruth Carnat	Ike Hashman	Gertrude Singer	Toby Conn
Elayne Schecter	Rose Silberberg	Morley Wachnow	Gella Bing-Weihs
Morris Calman	Sam Cramer	Evelyn Frankel	Maurice Selby
Philip Ereshefsky	Avrum Rotbart		

To be read on August 4

Abraham (Art) Bleviss	Adolph Schacter	Molly Aron	Jakob Boguslawski
Bertha Nemerovsky	Dr. Marc Francoeur	Betty Gorrin	Bea Kahn
Phyllis Rackow	Roseline Van Wilde Rode		

To be read on August 11

Florence Elman	Pam Robins	H Pauline Wallace	Florence Abrams
Frank Rosenthal	Ethel Baker	Boris Men	Pearl Schwartz
Gerry Goodman	Ruth Rosengarten	Dora Freiman-Ptak	Norma Wise
Augusta (Goldie) Steinberg			

To be read on August 18

Symie Maslove	Pauline Smolkin	Abraham Drabinsky	Bertha Devins
Susan Frankel	Hyman Schwartz	Dora Florence	Max Lakritz
Iser Maslove			

To be read on August 25

Ted Riback	Adelle Rubin	Sol Markovich	Rachel Boguslawski
Cesia Mowszowicz	Albert Orpen	Lena Rose Schwartz	Richard Edwyn Stanleigh
Janna Agema	Gertie Belkin	Morris Carnat	Sam Palnick
Freda Sautman			

To be read on September 1

Sylvia Staum	Harry Kreitzer	Joseph Loomer	Gloria Chappe
Jerry Greif	Maurice Levine	Rose Shannon	Matthew Stein
Henry Switzer	Abraham Kahanoff	Michael Roitman	Simon Smolensky
Steve Hyman	Toni Kohn Woodward	Eva Safir	

Donations

In Honour Of	From	Occasion
Building Fund		
Temple	Molly Ross	In memory of Celia Kornberg & Hector Ross
Temple	Deb & Paul Finkleman	In appreciation and thanks
Temple	Barry Steinfeld	In memory of Morris Steinfeld
Harriet & Phil Libin	Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Condolences
Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch	Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Condolences
Daniel Arato Fund		
Susan & David Gradel	Peter & Judith Arato	Mazel Tov
Peter & Judith Arato	Harvey & Rayna Rabin	In memory of Daniel Arato
General Operating Fund		
Temple	Stephen Kahn	
Madison Bell	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Temple	Deborah Sword	In memory of David Spindel
Rick Phillips	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Mazel Tov
Katie Baker	Bonnie Kaplan	Congratulations
Jaqui Jubinville	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Betsy Jameson	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Don Braid & Sydney Sharpe	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Roz Mendelson	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov
Roz Mendelson	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Kiddush Fund		
Temple	Ken Brown & Rachel Schmidt	In memory of Harry Brown
Piano Fund		
Temple	Eric Toker	In memory of Mia Beer Toker
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund		
Temple	Hartley Waldman	In memory of Mel Waldman
Temple	Phyllis Krygier	in memory of Jessica Krygier
Smolkin Wall Fund		
Mr & Mrs Howard Ackman	Len Himelfarb & Cathy Somes	Condolences
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Libin & Family	Len Himelfarb & Cathy Somes	Condolences
Temple	Len Himelfarb	In memory of Vera Himelfarb

In Honour Of	From	Occasion
Social Action Fund		
Madison Bell	Leslie Handy	Mazel Tov
Jaqui Jubinville	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov
Jaqui Jubinville	Leslie Handy	Mazel Tov
Madison Bell	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov
Temple	David & Nadine Drexler	In memory of Benjamin Gelfond
Deb Finkleman	Myron & Susan Podlog	Mazel Tov
Temple	Jacob Barsky	In memory of Harold Barsky
Len Himelfarb	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Congratulations
Jewish Enrichment Fund		
Don Braid & Sydney Sharpe	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov

Temple B'nai Tikvah Calendar

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 11:45 AM Calgary Drop-In Centre Lunch	26 6:15 PM Weekday minyan 7:00 PM Annual General Meeting	27 6:15 PM Weekday minyan 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	28	29 7:00 PM In the Beginnings (adult education)	30 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 9:36 PM Candle lighting	1 Parashat Chukat 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:43 PM Havdalah (50 min)
2	3 6:15 PM Weekday minyan 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	4	5	6	7 6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service 7:45 PM Renewal Service 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 9:32 PM Candle lighting	8 Parashat Balak 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:40 PM Havdalah (50 min)
9	10 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	11	12	13	14 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 9:27 PM Candle lighting	15 Parashat Pinchas 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:34 PM Havdalah (50 min)
16	17 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	18	19	20	21 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 9:19 PM Candle lighting	22 Parashat Matot-Massei 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:25 PM Havdalah (50 min)
23 11:45 AM Calgary Drop-In Centre Lunch	24	25 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	26	27	28 7:15 PM Shabbat Shiraz (wine and cheese) 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 9:09 PM Candle lighting	29 Parashat Devarim 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:15 PM Havdalah (50 min)
30	31 Erev Tisha B'Av	1 Tisha B'Av 6:15 PM Weekday minyan 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	2	3	4 6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service 7:45 PM Renewal Service 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Ser-vice 8:58 PM Candle lighting	5 Parashat Vaetchanan 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 10:04 PM Havdalah (50 min)

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Temple B'nai Tikvah Calendar

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Erev Tish'a B'Av	1 Tish'a B'Av ■ 6:15 PM Weekday minyan ■ 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	2	3	4 ■ 6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service ■ 7:45 PM Renewal Service ■ 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 8:58 PM Candle lighting	5 Parashat Vaetchanan ■ 10:15 AM Shabbat Service ■ 10:04 PM Havdalah (50 min)
6	7 Tu B'Av	8 ■ 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	9	10	11 ■ 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 8:45 PM Candle lighting	12 Parashat Elkev ■ 10:15 AM Shabbat Service ■ 9:51 PM Havdalah (50 min)
13	14	15 ■ 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	16	17	18 ■ 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 8:31 PM Candle lighting	19 Parashat Re'eh ■ 10:15 AM Shabbat Service ■ 9:37 PM Havdalah (50 min)
20	21	22 ■ 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	23	24	25 ■ 7:15 PM Shabbat Shiraz (wine and cheese) ■ 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 8:17 PM Candle lighting	26 Parashat Shoftim ■ 10:15 AM Shabbat Service ■ 9:22 PM Havdalah (50 min)
27 ■ 11:45 AM Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch	28	29 ■ 6:15 PM Weekday minyan	30	31	1 ■ 6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service ■ 7:45 PM Renewal Service ■ 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 8:01 PM Candle lighting	2 Parashat Ki Teitzei ■ 10:15 AM Shabbat Service ■ 9:07 PM Havdalah (50 min)

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