

Temple B'nai Israel

Newsletter

"A Little Temple with a Big Heart"

**Serving Jewish families in and around
Monroe County, Michigan since 1954**



Spring Edition

2023 / 5783

Our Temple President

Harris Sacks



Temple Officers

President / Harris Sacks
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Treasurer / April Ruttenberg
Secretary / Sue Pickens

Temple Board Members

Lynne Goodman
Jack Nida
Wayne Ruttenberg

Worship Schedule

All Services will be Both In Person and Via Zoom

Masking is Optional

Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm
Megillah Reading Only
No Services

Friday, March 17th at 7:30 pm
Jack Katz

Friday, April 21st at 7:30 pm
Rabbi Shena (Potter) Jafee will be on Zoom

Friday, May 5th at 7:30 pm
Jack Katz

Friday, May 19th at 7:30 pm
Jack Katz

All Services Will Start Promptly

Any questions about our worship schedule, please contact
Harris Sacks at (734) 735-6110

Announcements

A huge thank you goes out to Lynne Goodman for her good work as the outgoing vice president, Brian Harrington for his good work as the outgoing treasurer, as well as Gary Kaye for his good work as an outgoing board member

Thank You!

We would like to continue to wish our Dear Friends and Temple Members
Lou and Peggy Rosenberg a Refuah Shlema

Please join us on Tuesday's when the Temple's Social Club meets for lunch at various local restaurants at 12:15pm. We choose a different restaurant every week to help support our local establishments during these difficult economic times. We have visited the likes of Michigan Bar & Grill, R Diner, Mugsy's, Monroe Grill, Front Street Diner, Rice N Shine and Trapperz, just to name a few.

Contact Jack Nida at (734) 731-5515 or by email at
yadontknowjack@yahoo.com for details

Please Join Us!

"Oneg" means "Delight." According to the prophet Isaiah, Shabbat shall be a Delight. Having something sweet to nosh on, Delight was added to Shabbat.

Please sign up at our next oneg if you would like to bring something sweet to nosh on for future oneg's. We ask that you keep it small and simple. A challah, if possible, plus whatever else you prefer to bring

Providing an Oneg is a Mitzvah!

Next Temple Board Meeting Will Be Sunday, March 26th at 4 pm

**Deadline to submit anything for the
Summer Edition of the Temple Newsletter is
Sunday, May 21st**

Our Temple Newsletter is published online only, four times a year

Please email any information to Jack Nida at
yadontknowjack@yahoo.com

Rabbi Shena (Potter) Jaffee

Rabbi with a passion to enhance community by helping people find their own way to the beauty and joy of Jewish life



If you have any special honors, life events, personal or professional, that you would like the Rabbi to share with the Congregation, please email her at
shenapotterjaffee@gmail.com

Upcoming US & Jewish Holidays and Observances

National Anthem Day

Friday, March 3rd



National Anthem Day commemorates the moment when, in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted as the official national anthem of the US

Purim

Purim begins sunset
Monday, March 6th at 6:28 pm

Purim ends sunset
Tuesday, March 7th at 6:29 pm



Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from the wicked Haman in the days of Queen Esther of Persia

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 am



At 2:00 am the clocks turn forward one hour, essentially taking one hour from the morning, to extend the evenings. This change happens at 2:00 am because it causes the least disruption to everyday life

National Girl Scout Day

Sunday, March 12th



Girl Scouting in America has millions of members, and it provides girls all around the country with enrichment programs, outdoor activities, and service projects that prepare them for life

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17th



People celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on March 17 to honor the Patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. He played a significant role in introducing and celebrating the Irish culture across the world

First Day of Spring

Spring begins
Monday, March 20th at 5:24 pm



Today marks the beginning of Spring

April Fool's Day

Saturday, April 1st

April Fool's Day



This is a day to play practical jokes and pranks on your friends and family

Autism Awareness Day

Sunday, April 2nd



Its purpose is to raise awareness about autism and eliminate the stigma around the disorder

Passover

Passover begins sunset
Wednesday, April 5th at 8:02 pm

Passover ends sunset
Thursday, April 13th at 8:11 pm



Passover, also known as Pesach, is one of the major and most sacred celebrations in Jewish tradition, commemorating the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt

Arbor Day

Friday, April 28th



This holiday is dedicated to trees and plants, with the intent of promoting tree planting and educating about tree conservation. Today marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day

Lag B'Omer Day

Lag B'Omer Day begins sunset
Monday, May 8th at 8:39 pm

Lag B'Omer Day ends sunset
Tuesday, May 9th at 8:40 pm



The holiday celebrates a break in a plague that is said to have occurred during the days of Rabbi Akiva. The Talmud states that the great teacher of Jewish mysticism, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai died on Lag B'Omer, and in modern times the holiday has come to symbolize the resilience of the Jewish spirit

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14th



Today is for celebrating mothers and showering them with gifts and treats

Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 20th



The day aims at honoring the men and women of the United States' armed forces and also at raising the general public's awareness to the role that the military play in everyday life

Shavuot

Shavuot begins sunset
Thursday, May 25th at 8:56 pm

Shavuot ends sunset
Saturday, May 27th at 8:58 pm



The holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29th




american greetings

Today is a day to commemorate and remember the men and women who lost their lives while in service for the US military

Upcoming Birthdays



March

Daryl Yourist 23rd
Ross Nida 28th

April

Gussie Ruttenberg 17th
Cody Harrington 20th

May

Brian Harrington, Jr. 7th
Angela Katz 22nd
Harris Sacks 23rd

Upcoming Anniversaries



March

Jack & Deb Nida 3rd
Michael & Rita White 15th

April

None

May

None

Upcoming Yahrzeits



March

Annete Banker, Anna Barsky, Eloise Blumberg, Albert Braverman, Helen Davis, Mirah Eppstein, Bruce Fishler, Howard Lewis Fuld, Adele Gantz, Lucille Griffin, Joseph Griffin, Sr., Betty Hurwitz, Sophie S. Kupper, Elaine Sarah Nelson, Harold Rosen, Francis Rush, Bette Ruttenberg, Rebecca Sacks, Elsie Schmolka, Lila L. Seligman, Libby Weisman

April

Ida Appleman, Nellie Axelrood, Fanny Beer, Gerald "Jerry" Briskin, Esther Isenberg Ellias, Philip Ellias, Hyman Feldman, Ed Frim, Howard Gartner, Paulette Geiermann, Harry Glickman, Hugh Gronberg, Frank Hamann, Gussie Michaels Lorange, Theresa Lutz, Irving Michaels, Samuel Peter Price, Robert Reinhart, Benjamin Rose, Stanley Schmolka, Philip Sherman, Evelyn Shugol, Sylvia Silver, Seymour Weissman, William Allen White

May

Rosalind Appleman, Isaac Banker, Frederick Shalom Beer, Fay Berstein, Isadore Chernoff, Lindle Clement, Kitty Diamond, Isaac Noah Ellias, Meyer Ellias, Nathan Freeling, Milton Fuld, Edward J. Goodman, Morton Goodman, Molly Gutterman, Mel Hamerman, Harry Katz, Fred Kletnick, Jeffrey Locketz, Frank Lutz, Harry May, Mark David Mulias, Jacob Ripner Marcia S. Rosen, Sally Rush, Harris Sacks, Ted Sacks, Louis Sadovitz, Sarah Sadovitz, Benjamin Shugol, Anna Yudowin, Arthur Yudowin

Of Interest to Our Congregation

Do you love to knit? Then the Craft Guild / Fiber Mill is the perfect place for you!

Gather around the fireplace for a chat and knit away with the unique alpaca yarn made and purchased at the Mill

Make new friends and meet the folks who make your beautiful, one of a kind yarn

In addition to Alpaca items, local entrepreneurs sell at the store as well
When you shop at the Craft Guild / Fiber Mill, money goes directly back into our community

The Mill receives Huacaya Alpaca fleece from area farms.
Workers with Special Needs take this fleece and turn it into unique items.
Yarn, rug yarn, rugs, batting, and shoe inserts are some of the products made locally in Monroe, MI

Alpaca products made and sold in Monroe, Michigan

Knitting classes open to the public

Please Visit the Craft Guild / Fiber Mill

14461 S. Telegraph Rd.
Monroe, MI 48161
(734) 322-2020

Store hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9 am to 2 pm

Closed Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

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Turning Challenges into Opportunities!

Shared by Jack Nida

About Our Home, Monroe Michigan's Cornerstone

Founded in 1785, Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

Monroe's location on the west shore of Lake Erie and its River Raisin made it a natural crossroads for food and transportation that attracted the Potawatomi Tribe of Indians who first lived here. Later, French missionaries, fur trappers, and settlers came for the same reasons. Residents and visitors today continue to find Monroe to be a welcoming crossroads of historic and natural treasures. The city is home to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, a War of 1812 site.

Besides being home to many historical sites and legendary figures, such as George Armstrong Custer, Julius Sterling Morton, and many others. Monroe has many beautiful natural resources which our citizens can enjoy year round. Our waterside parks are the perfect backdrop to family gatherings and concerts. A sunset walk along the Mark G. Worrell Memorial Trail as it turns the corner at Frenchman's Bend never fails to inspire. Exploring the winding River Raisin Heritage Trail of Sterling State Park out to the shores of Lake Erie is an adventure for all ages.

Celebrities from Monroe include Miss Michigan / Miss America 1988, Kaye Lani and Model, Actress and Designer, Christie Brinkley. Actress Valerie Harper even attended school in Monroe.

<https://youtu.be/KyqabGC8Wpc>

Shared by Jack Nida

Rabbi Tovia Singer is well known as the Founder and Director of Outreach Judaism, an international organization dedicated to countering the efforts of fundamentalist Christian groups and cults who specifically target Jews for conversion. As a world renowned public speaker, Rabbi Singer addresses more than 100 audiences a year. Through his stimulating and provocative appearances, Rabbi Singer has been an inspiration to thousands. Lecturing on college campuses and synagogues throughout the country has become an integral part of his work. He is the author of the book Let's Get Biblical: Why

Doesn't Judaism Accept the Christian Messiah?", and is a frequent guest on television and radio shows.

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Is Jesus the Jewish Messiah? Rabbi Tovia Singer vs. Professor R. L. Solberg

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Shared by Wayne Ruttenberg

'Jews do not have a monopoly on persecution' major paper complains on Holocaust Remembrance Day

A major Kentucky newspaper published an op-ed on National Holocaust Remembrance Day telling Jewish people that they "do not have a monopoly on persecution and atrocities."

[Even though the January 27 memorial](#) focuses on the monumental tragedy of six million Jews killed by Nazi Germany during the Second World War, the Courier-Journal – part of the USA Today Network owned by parent company Gannet – lectured that the day be used to memorialize "every genocide" for the sake of inclusivity.

The op-ed, titled "Holocaust Remembrance Day is a time to remember more than one atrocity," warned that fixating specifically on the Holocaust during such a memorial results in people "negating and [trivializing the horrors of the past](#) and the injustices of today."

It also made a point to remind readers "Hitler was just one of many dictators."

The claims made in the piece were blasted on Twitter for being insensitive and for obscuring the memorial of those killed with progressives' "general identity grievance."

The op-ed, composed by the outlet's five opinion contributors on Holocaust Remembrance Day, began with the declaration, "As one Louisville rabbi recently said, January 27 is a teachable moment to remember all the hate speech and all the violence that is perpetuated against religions, races and genders, all those acts committed in the past and those that continue to this day."

Holocaust Remembrance Day is a time to remember more than one atrocity <https://t.co/nT1OyoVpl7>

— Courier Journal (@courierjournal) [January 27, 2023](#)

The piece then made a much more controversial remark, stating, "Jews do not have a monopoly on persecution and atrocities."

The rest of the piece amounted to a mini-lecture for people who focus solely on the Jewish people during the memorial. It suggested they're keeping other races, religions and creeds down by doing so.

The op-ed added, "For one group, for one person, to claim that the hate and violence towards them is more important than another's, only encourages more acts of violence against others, including Black people, Asians, Hispanics, Muslims, LGBTQ+, trans-gender and Native Americans. This list is not all-inclusive."

The opinion contributors continued, saying, "If we as a community only focus on one religion, only one event, we are then negating and trivializing the horrors of the past and the injustices of today."

They added, "International Holocaust Day is not just a mantra about one Jewish holocaust, but about every genocide, every mass tyranny that is carried out upon any group based on skin color, religion, gender identity and ethnic background."

The piece additionally commented, "Hitler was just one of many dictators. The list of tyrants, past and present, continues with the addition of names from around the globe today."

After continuing to assert the obvious, that there has been more than one evil person in history, the piece concluded with a call for readers to "be brave and protest violence against others and to recognize that hate speech grows into hate violence."

Though Twitter users were not impressed nor inspired by this commentary.

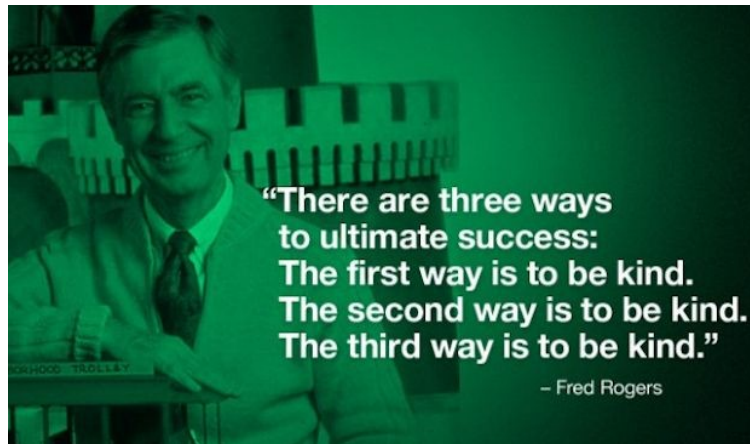
Jewish conservative and prominent Twitter user Noam Blum demolished the piece on the social media platform. He tweeted out an image of the article with the caption, "[Brain addled progressives](#) cannot ever condemn antisemitism without burying it in a mountain of general identity grievance."

Actress and writer Tracy-Ann Oberman urged the piece's authors to go back to their history books on the subject. She tweeted, "You haven't done your journalistic diligence have you. You have no idea about the Jewish Final Solution of The Third Reich the obliteration of one race. Do some homework and start by following @AuschwitzMuseum @HolocaustUK and @simonwiesenthal."

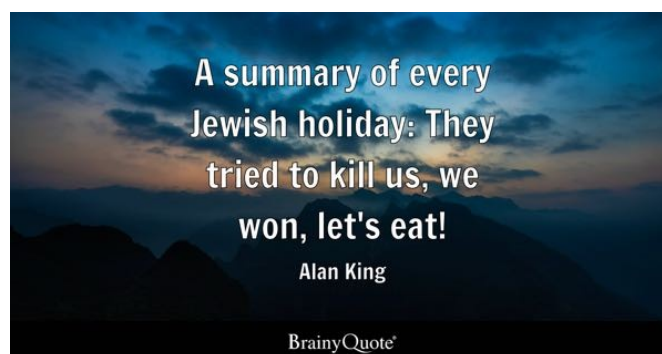
User David Gaw reminded the authors, "No, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day to remember the Holocaust. They even called it 'Holocaust Remembrance Day' to make this easy to understand."

In response to the headline, NBC News social media editor Evan Rosenfeld claimed, "No, no it's not."

Positive Affirmations



On the Lighter Side



Our Congregation

The congregation was formed in 1952

The temple was completed in 1954

Currently there are 8 families, 8 singles and 2 associate members in our congregation, as well as the Jewish Federation

We are independent and not affiliated with any national organization

The congregation is a blend of Reformed and Conservative practices

We are affordable! Yearly dues are \$350.00 and may be paid yearly, quarterly (\$87.50) or monthly (\$30.00)

Normally, our services are led by lay leaders, but we also have a Rabbi during the high holidays and various times throughout the year

Services are normally held on the 3rd Friday of July, August and September
The 1st and 3rd Friday's of October thru June

Services are approximately 1½ hours in length

The Temple has its own Lighted Parking Lot

Space Available

If you have anything that you would like to share with the temple for future newsletters, please email the information to Jack Nida at
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Questions and Concerns

If you see anything that has been forgotten, misplaced or misspelled in this newsletter, please bring it to the attention of Jack Nida at (734) 731-5515 or at
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***If You Don't Know Jack, You're
Uninformed!***

**SAY NO TO HATE
SAY NO TO ANTISEMITISM**

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