

Temple B'nai Israel Newsletter

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Worship Schedule

All Services will be In Person and Via Zoom

Friday, March 1st at 7:30 pm
Jack Katz will lead us in prayer
Sue & Harris Sacks will be providing the oneg

Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm

No Services

We will celebrate Purim

Friday, April 5th at 7:30 pm

Rabbi Shena will lead us in prayer

Michelle Driscoll will be providing the oneg

Friday, April 19th at 7:30 pm

Jack Katz will lead us in prayer

April & Wayne Ruttenberg will be providing the oneg

Friday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm

Jack Katz will lead us in prayer

Lynne Goodman will be providing the oneg

Friday, May 17th at 7:30 pm

Rabbi Shena will lead us in prayer

All Services Will Start Promptly at 7:30 pm

Any questions about our worship schedule, please contact

Harris Sacks at (734) 735-6110

Announcements

Obituary

Steven S. Kupper

April 6, 1946 – February 20, 2024



Steven S. Kupper age 77, passed away peacefully in his home on 2/20/24. He was born April 6, 1946 to Saul and Sophie Kupper in Toledo, OH, alongside his beloved sister, Marcia. Steve graduated from the University of Toledo in 1968 with his bachelors degree. Then he went on to obtain his MBA. Later he created

his company, Steven S. Kupper Tax Service. He loved doing taxes and worked hard to form a personal connection with his clients over the years.

He married Kathy (Onestak) Kupper in 1974. They had a son and daughter together, that he loved dearly.

There were many memories made throughout the years; going to Pistons games, the Toledo Zoo, playing cut-throat games of Rummikub and Scrabble.

Despite some health issues over the years, Steve spent his last years enjoying travels all over the country and world especially Alaska and Israel - his favorites with his partner, Karen Lieberman as well as playing cards and going to eat with friends (especially the best delis) in the Ohio and Florida area.

Over the years, he had acquired a unique grouping of friends, as he had a kind and welcoming heart. This created an openness to a variety of different types of people.

Throughout much of his life, he has maintained a strong connection with the community at Temple B'nai Israel in Monroe, Michigan.

Aside from his love for his family and those close to him, he was an avid fan of the University of Michigan football team as well as old shows like the Lone ranger, Perry Mason, Hallmark and old movies.

Dad, we hope that there is a corned beef sandwich, a Diet Coke and a new copy of navy blue and gold waiting for you on the other side of things. Your sense of humor (corny as it may be) and classic dad jokes, the phone calls with you in the middle of the day to say hello and your trips with us will be greatly missed! You are so deeply loved and missed.

Steve is survived by his partner, Karen Lieberman, his loving children, daughter Missy Eckenrode (husband, Matt) and granddaughter, Lorraine and his son, Mark Kupper (wife, Heather) as well as Kathy Kupper, the mother of his children. Steve was preceded in death by his sister, Marcia Sheftel and his parents, Saul and Sophie Kupper.

Steve's family will host a memorial service on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Wick-Wisniewski Funeral Home in Toledo, OH on Reynolds Road at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Temple B'nai Israel in Monroe, Michigan or Congregation B'nai Israel in Sylvania, Ohio.

Get Well Soon

We would like to continue to wish our Dear Friends and Temple Members
Lou and Peggy Rosenberg a Refuah Shlema.
I would also like to add the names of Michael Tabaka and Margaret Kulman.

Donations

Lori Abrams
&

Memorial gift to Temple B'nai Israel in memory of Steve S. Kupper from
Lorraine Ray, Knoxville, TN 37918

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Temple B'nai Israel Social Club

Please join us, usually 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. Some of the restaurants we have frequented are Michigan Bar & Grill, R Diner, Mugsy's, Monroe Grill, Front Street Diner, Rice N Shine, Trapperz, Dairy Queen, A&W, Gander's Family Restaurant, etc.

Contact Jack Nida by email at
yadontknowjack@yahoo.com for details

Please Join Us!

Oneg Sign Up

“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 Shabbat Services 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!

Board Meeting

Next Temple Board Meeting Will Be Sunday, April 14th at 4 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline to submit anything for the Summer Edition of the Temple Newsletter is Sunday, May 19th.

Only one submission per household please.

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

Please email to Jack Nida at yadontknowjack@yahoo.com

Hanukkah Party

Photos Shared by
Wayne Ruttenberg

Thank You Everyone for Helping Us Make Our Hanukkah Party in 2023 a Success!



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

Daylight Saving Time

Begins at Night
Sunday, March 10th at 2 am

System for uniformly advancing clocks, so as to extend daylight hours during conventional waking time in the summer months.



St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture that takes place annually on March 17.



Purim

Begins at Sunset
Saturday, March 23rd at 7:48 pm

Ends Nightfall
Sunday, March 24th at 7:50 pm

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



National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Friday, March 29th

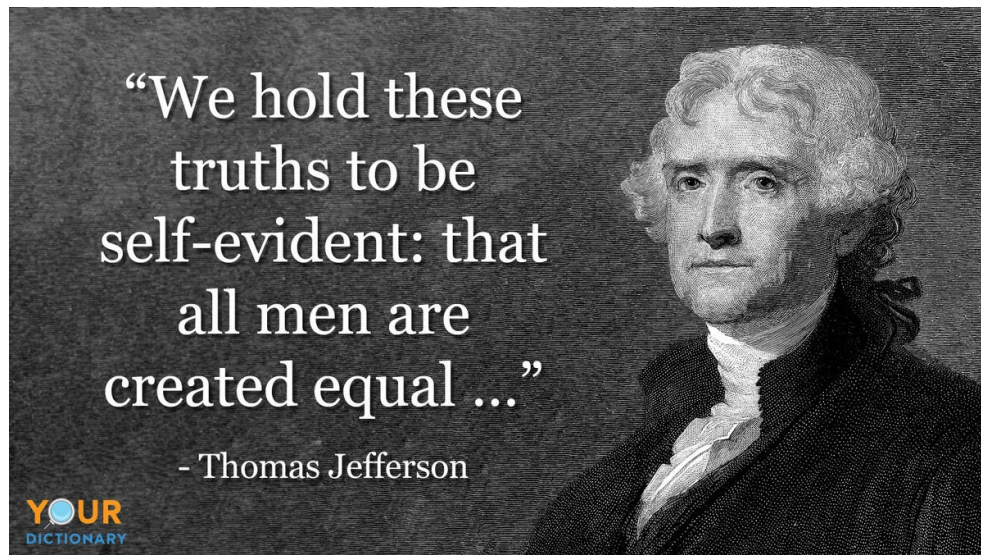
Millions of Americans served in the Vietnam War. They served honorably like generations of veterans before them, and many returned home to an ungrateful nation. But these amazing Vietnam veterans came home, supported each other, and contributed to our nation. They made the commitment that our country would never send another generation of Americans into harm's way without the support and respect they deserve.



Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Saturday, April 13th

National Thomas Jefferson Day celebrates the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, who was the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and one of the most influential Founding Fathers for his promotion of the ideals of Republicanism in the United States.



Passover

Begins at Sunset
Monday, April 22nd at 8:22 pm

Ends Nightfall
Tuesday, April 30th at 8:31 pm

Passover (Pesach) celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day is a time to honor motherhood and show our appreciation to moms of all kinds, including wives, sisters and grandmothers.



Yom Ha'atzmaut

Tuesday, May 14th

Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israeli Independence Day, a day of great celebration held every year in late April or early May – on the day (in the Hebrew calendar) which, in 1948, Israel declared its independence.



Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 18th

This is a day to show appreciation for all who serve or have served in our Nation's Armed Forces.



Lag B'Omer

Begins at Sunset
Saturday, May 25th at 8:57 pm

Ends Nighfall
Sunday, May 26th at 8:58 pm

Lag B'Omer is a festive day on the Jewish calendar, celebrating the anniversary of the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar. It also commemorates the end of a plague that raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva. On Lag B'Omer the dying ceased.



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country.



Upcoming Birthdays



March

Ross Nida, Daryl Yourist

April

Cody Harrington, Gussie Ruttenberg

May

Brian Harrington Jr., Angela Katz, Harris Sacks

Upcoming Anniversaries

A 3D rendering of the words 'HAPPY ANNIVERSARY' in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are arranged in two rows: 'HAPPY' on top and 'ANNIVERSARY' on the bottom. Each letter is a different color and has a slight shadow underneath it, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The background is white with a faint watermark that says 'dreamstime'.

March

Jack & Debbie Nida, Michael & Rita White

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, **Steven S. Kupper**, **Howard Michaels**, 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" Brisken, Esther Isenberg Ellias, Philip Ellias, Hyman Feldman, Ed Frim, Howard Gartner, Paulette Geiermann, Harry Glickman, Hugh Gronberg,

Frank Hamann, **Steven S. Kupper**, Gussie Michaels Lorange, Theresa Lutz, **Howard Michaels**, Irving Michaels, Samuel Peter Price, Robert Reinhart, Benjamin Rose, Stanley Schmolka, Philip Sherman, Evelyn Shugol, Sylvia Silver, Seymour Weissman, William Allen White.

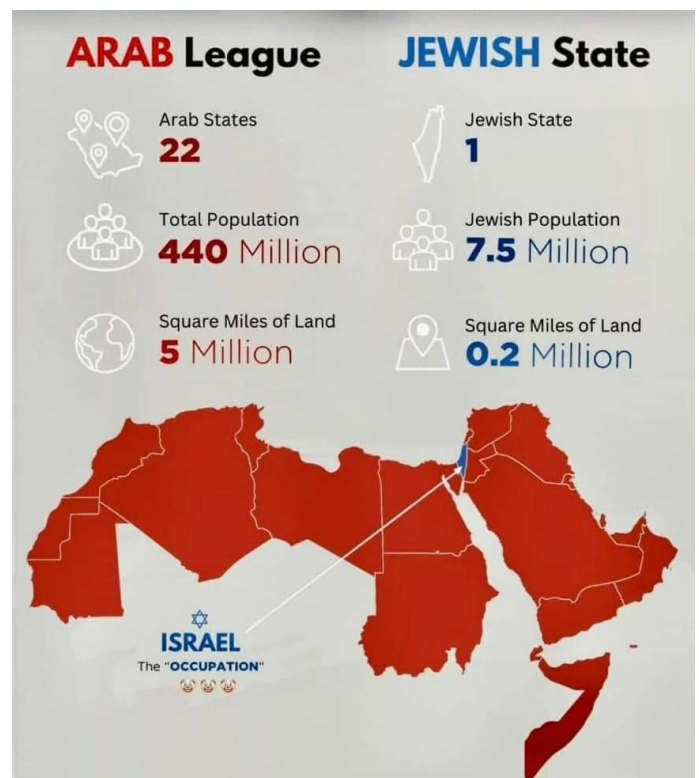
May

Rosalind Appleman, Isaac Banker, Frederich 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, **Steven S. Kupper**, Jeffrey Locketz, Frank Lutz, Harry May, Howard Michaels, 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

Setting the Record Straight

Shared by Jack Nida



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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.

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Store hours

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9 am to 2 pm

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Turning Challenges into Opportunities



Michigan History

Written by Griffin Kirsch
Shared by Jack Nida

Beth Olem Cemetery is a Jewish cemetery begun in the 1860s. At the time, it was considered to be “out in the country,” far removed from the city center of Detroit, and away from the German settlers of the area.

Eventually, Beth Olem found itself near the intersection of Clay and Smith Streets near the border of Detroit and Hamtramck.

In 1966, Dodge expanded their assembly plant around Beth Olem, but maintained a driveway so the cemetery would remain accessible.

In 1980, General Motors infamously demolished the Dodge Main Plant—and Poletown—and built their assembly plant at this location, and the cemetery was swallowed up and surrounded by the factory property.

General Motors allows visitation to the cemetery twice a year.



From HuffPost

Shared by Wayne Ruttenberg

Selma Blair Faces Backlash For Islamophobic Comment On Video Slamming
Rashida Tlaib

Marco Margaritoff
Sat, February 10, 2024 at 5:03 PM

Selma Blair is under fire for an anti-Islam comment she posted on Instagram last week.

The “Cruel Intentions” star is one of the latest American actors to weigh in on the Israel-Hamas conflict, claiming that Islam has “destroyed Muslim countries” and then destroys “minds” in the United States.

Blair made her remarks under an Instagram video that slammed U.S. Reps. Cori Bush (D-Mo.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) for voting against a bill with the stated goal of preventing immigration into the United States by people “who participated in or otherwise facilitated” Hamas’ October attack on Israel.

Tlaib said the bill was “unnecessary” because it would be “redundant with already existing federal law.” She also characterized it, along with three other bills related to immigration, as “inciting racism that puts our immigrant neighbors at risk.”

Blair did not agree, as indicated by her viral and since-deleted comment.

“Thank you very much,” the actor wrote in response to the video slamming Tlaib. “Deport all these terrorist supporting goons. Islam has destroyed Muslim countries and then they come here and destroy minds. They know they are liars. Twisted justifications. May they meet their fate.”

Fellow actor Michael Rapaport, who recently visited Israel to support the country’s army, replied, “Love it.”

Debra Messing was even more effusive and wrote, “THANK YOU.”

Blair did not immediately respond to HuffPost’s request for comment.

Since Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack killed around 1,200 people, Israel has killed more than 28,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry. Hospitals, schools and refugee camps have been bombed, amid a lack of potable water and anesthesia.

Selma Blair's deleted comment was echoed by fellow actors Michael Rapaport and Debra Messing.

Social media users couldn't help but notice that Islamophobic stances from entertainers aren't being met with the same industry backlash as comments from actors in support of Palestinian civilians. In November, Melissa Barrera was fired from the "Scream" franchise after calling for a ceasefire.

Barrera's talent agency also reportedly almost fired her for sharing a link to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency — a humanitarian organization tirelessly providing wounded, displaced and traumatized Palestinians with food, water and shelter.

The Council on American–Islamic Relations, America's largest Muslim civil rights organization, weighed in on Saturday.

“Based on the hateful and ignorant remarks that Ms. Blair made, we doubt that she has ever engaged in any meaningful interactions with her Muslim colleagues in Hollywood or other members of the American Muslim community,” wrote CAIR's Edward Ahmed Mitchell.

While numerous Israeli and U.S. politicians have conflated all Gaza civilians with Hamas members, the tenor around Israel's U.S.-backed bombing campaign has slowly begun to shift. This week, President Joe Biden called the military operation “over the top.”

The White House has also released a new policy it claimed would ensure foreign countries don't use U.S. military aid to violate international law protecting civilians.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is currently considering a “massive” attack on Rafah. The southern city in the Gaza Strip now contains 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are sheltering.

Jews for Judaism

Shared by Jack Nida

Jews for Judaism is an international organization that focuses on preventing Jews from converting to other faiths and reclaiming those who have already converted. It provides counseling services, education, and outreach programs to all Jewish denominations. It was established in 1985 by Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz.

The name Jews for Judaism was developed from "Jews for Jesus", one of the principal missionary organizations it was founded to counteract. One of its

prominent early members, Larry Levey, was a Jewish convert to Christianity who then converted back to Judaism and led the Baltimore office of Jews for Judaism for a number of years. In addition to its activities in response to Christian missionaries, Jews for Judaism has also been noted for its critiques of the Kabbalah Centre.

Jews for Judaism has two North American offices, located in Los Angeles, California and Toronto, Ontario

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On the Lighter Side



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Our Congregation

Our congregation was formed in 1952.

Our temple was completed in 1953.

Currently there are approximately 16 families in our congregation, as well as the Jewish Federation.

We are independent and not affiliated with any national organization.

Our congregation is non-denominational.

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 a lay person, 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.

Our Temple has its own Lighted Parking Lot

Questions and Concerns

If you see anything that has been forgotten, misplaced or misspelled in this newsletter, please email the information to Jack Nida at yadontknowjack@yahoo.com

If ya don't know Jack, you're misinformed!

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