

Temple B'nai Israel Newsletter

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Harris Sacks



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Worship Schedule

All Services will be In Person and Via Zoom

Friday, June 7th at 7:30 pm
Jack Katz will lead us in prayer
Oneg to be announced at a later date

Friday, August 16th at 7:30 pm
Rabbi Shena Potter Jaffee will lead us in prayer
Oneg to be announced at a later date

All Services Will Start Promptly at 7:30 pm

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

Announcements

Sad News from Our President

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that a longstanding member of our Jewish community, Dennis Thompson, passed away on March 18, 2024. His obituary may be viewed on dignitymemorial.com.

The Thompson Family were (and are still), very dedicated to our Temple B'nai Israel and our Jewish community in Monroe. Dennis faced much adversity in his life, but he had the resilience to persevere.....and live a very meaningful life!

Please join me in giving our heartfelt condolences to the Thompson Family.

Sincerely,
Harris Sacks, President

Obituary

Dennis Robert Thompson
November 14, 1955 – March 18, 2024



IN THE CARE OF

Lakeshore Mortuary

Dennis Robert Thompson, 68, of Mesa, AZ passed away on March 18, 2024, at home surrounded by his family. Born in Portsmouth, VA, he was the son of the late Daryl and Doris Thompson.

Dennis attended Monroe High School. He served in the Army after graduation. Dennis was employed at North Star Steel in Monroe. He later moved to L'Anse, MI where he married Kathy Collins and joined her in the restaurant industry. His next adventure was moving to Arizona where they opened the Red Mountain Café in Mesa. Dennis "Theo" and Kathy owned the restaurant for twenty- two years until selling it in October 2023. He enjoyed fishing and hunting in the UP. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed riding his Harley.

Dennis is survived by his wife Kathleen Thompson; his children, Amy (Randy) Krupp, Michael Thompson, Jason (Kerry) Thompson, Shannon Fish, Crystal Anderson, and Donald (Christina) Sweeney; 13 grandchildren and 7 siblings, David (Jane) Thompson, Donna Thompson, Debra (John) LaBo, Edye McCarty, Saul (Bo) Thompson, Glenn Thompson, and Darla (Nick) Davis. He was preceded in death by his first wife Karen Sue Thompson and his grandson, Christopher Turpeinen.

Family and friends were respectfully invited to attend Dennis' memorial service at Lakeshore Mortuary, 1815 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202 on Thursday, March 21, 2024, starting at 1:00 pm and going until 5:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to the charity of your choice.

Get Well Soon

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

Also, Doris Nida, Michael Tabaka,
Margaret Kulman. Rory Tubilewicz and Jo Ann Wingfield.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ryan Hardy (grandson of Susan and Larry Pickens) Class of 2024. He will be attending Montcalm Community College in Stanton, MI and running Cross Country with the school team. He recently competed in a 25k in Grand Rapids, MI and came in 3rd in his age group and 89th over-all out of 2,400 runners. This was his first attempt at this distance.

Mazel Tov!

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, June 23rd at 4 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

**Deadline to submit anything for the
Fall Edition of the Temple Newsletter is
Sunday, August 18th.**

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

Please email 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

Yom Yerushalayim

Begins at Sunset
Tuesday, June 4th at 9:05 pm

Ends at Nightfall
Wednesday, June 5th at 9:06 pm

Jerusalem Day commemorates the liberation of the city of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War.



Shavuot

Begins at Sunset
Tuesday, June 11th at 9:09 pm

Ends at Nightfall
Thursday, June 13th at 9:10 pm

This holiday marks the end of the Counting of the Omer. It recalls Moses' receiving of the Torah. The Megillah of Ruth is read, and all-night Torah study is customary. Dairy food, honey, and floral decorations are traditional.



Flag Day

Friday, June 14th

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption.



Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives.



First Day of Summer

Thursday, June 20th

Summer officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the summer solstice, the day with the greatest amount of possible daylight and the shortest night.



Independence Day

Thursday, July 4th

The annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.



National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Saturday, July 27th

On National Korean War Armistice Day we recognize and pay tribute to the Korean War veterans. The Korean War began June 25, 1950 with the North Korean army's invasion of South Korea. On July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed ending the war, now officially recognized as Armistice Day.



Parents' Day

Sunday, July 28th

Parental figures in the United States receive the recognition for the role they play in their children's lives on Parents' Day. The day aims to promote responsible parenting and to recognize positive parental role models. It celebrates the special bonds of love between parental figures and their children.



Purple Heart Day

Wednesday, August 7th

On Purple Heart Day, observed every year on August 7, we honor and remember the brave current and former service members who were wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. As the very first and oldest military medal, the Purple Heart was established by George Washington in 1782.



Tisha B'av

Begins at Sunset
Monday, August 12th at 8:37 pm

Ends at Nightfall
Tuesday, August 13th at 8:35 pm

This solemn day is a reminder of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, which occurred on the same Hebrew calendar date. It is traditional to fast.



Upcoming Birthdays



June

Wayne Ruttenberg

July

April Ruttenberg
Sue Pickens
Sharidy Harrington

August

Michael White

Upcoming Anniversaries

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June

Larry & Sue Pickens

July

Daryl & Jolene Yourist
Jack & Angie Katz

August

Harris & Sue Sacks
Gary & Ann Kaye
Brian & Sharidy Harrington
Wayne & April Ruttenberg

Upcoming Yahrzeits



June

Irving Alpert, Moe Bershard, Mason Bruner, Sandra Burnstein, Sam Chernoff, Joel Clement, Judith Davis, Benjamin Ellias, Clara Ellias, Esther Ellias, Joseph Griffin, Noah Heisler, Joseph Hurwitz, Sarah Kessler, Morris Kletnick, **Steven S. Kupper**, Franklyn David Levitt, Hessel Lintz, Irv Locketz, Pearl Mannison, Helen Topper May, Leona Perelman, Tex Rickard, Elias Rosenblatt, Jack Rotenberg, Rhoda Roth, Jacob Sadick, Evelyn Seligson, Eleanor Joffa Siegel, Toby Sisman, Saul Shelton Snitz, [Beatrice Tabaka](#), **Dennis Thompson**, Samuel Tuchman, Julia Anne White, Esther Yudowin, Jacob Zawatsky, Billie Zable.

July

Peter Aishiskin, Esther Bash, Louis Baum, Mildred Chudnow, Ray C. Clement, Jack Colman, Richard Elaskin, Florence Splig Ellias, Dr. George Feldman, Steven Goldman, [Kirk Hamann](#), Norman R. Jacobs, Donna Kessler, Bernard Konop, **Steven S. Kupper**, Harry Levinson, Pearl Levinson, Irving Jack Levitt, Dr. David J. Lieberman, Claire Michaels, [Alfred Nida](#), Jean Rich, Rhoda R. Rotenberg, Isaac Snyder, Ginger Michelle Stuck, **Dennis Thompson**, Bertha Zable.

August

Jack Appleman, Irving Axelrood, Evelyn Boone, Freda Boone, William Braverman, James Eppstein, Charles L. Goldstein, Delores T. Gronber, Judy Katz, Freda Kopp, **Steven S. Kupper**, Aaron Leskowitz, Emily Loach, Anna Rabinowitz, Jennie Rosenberg, Samuel Seligson, Elenore Sevigny, Grose Solomon, **Dennis Thompson**.

Of Interest to Our Congregation

Statement by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

April 30, 2024

Shared by Jack Nida

“You have to hear this to believe this. The International Criminal Courts in the Hague is contemplating issuing arrest warrants against senior Israeli government and military officials as war criminals.

This would be an outrage of historic proportions.

International bodies like the ICC arose in the wake of the Holocaust committed against the Jewish people. They were set up to prevent such horrors, to prevent future genocides.

Yet now the International Court is trying to put Israel in the dock. It's trying to put us in the dock as we defend ourselves against genocidal terrorists and regimes, Iran of course, that openly works to destroy the on and only Jewish State.

Branding Israel's leaders and soldiers as war criminals will pour jet fuel on the fires of anti-Semitism, those fires that are already raging on the campuses of America and across capitals around the world.

It will also be the first time that a democratic country fighting for its life according to the rules of war is itself accused of war crimes.

The Israeli army, the IDF, is one of the most moral militaries in the world.

It takes endless measures to prevent civilian casualties, measures that no other army takes.

It does so while fighting a terrorist enemy which uses its own civilians as human shields.

You know the truth. Hamas places its weapons, its terrorists in hospitals, schools, mosques and throughout civilian areas. They do this in order to win immunity and to maximize civilian casualties.

So, while Hamas shows no care for the lives of Palestinians and steals humanitarian aid meant for civilians, Israel is facilitating a surge of humanitarian assistance to Gaza. And we do this to ensure that the Palestinian population's humanitarian needs are met.

Rather than commend Israel for abiding by the rules of war while fighting an enemy that violates every rule of war, including holding 133 Israeli men, women and children hostage, who's the ICC targeting? The democracy called Israel.

And in targeting Israel, the ICC would be targeting all democracies because it would be undermining their inherent right to defend themselves against savage terrorism and wanton aggression.

Clearly, this threat by the ICC is not an attempt to enforce the law.

Israel is not even subject to the court's jurisdiction and it has an independent legal system that rigorously investigates all violations of the law.

Rather, this ICC attempt is an attempt to paralyze Israel's very ability to defend itself.

The government and people of Israel reject outright this grave threat to our security. This grave threat to our very existence.

And I want to assure you, no ICC action will impact Israel's iron clad determination to achieve the goals of our war with Hamas terrorists: We will destroy Hamas's military and governing capabilities in Gaza, we will release all our hostages, and we will ensure that Gaza never poses a threat to Israel again.

Israel expects the leaders of the free world to stand firmly against the ICC outrageous assault on Israel's inherent right of self-defense. We expect them to use all the means at their disposal to stop this dangerous move.

Six months after the terrible Hamas massacre of October 7, eighty years after the horrors of the Holocaust, the Jewish state calls on decent people everywhere to reject this outrage by the ICC, to stand with Israel as we fight the barbarians of Hamas and Iran, and as we work to secure a more peaceful world.”

<https://youtu.be/cHXgzOmiKbM?si=rFtpwsD46lzjpk9j>

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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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Corrections from the Previous Newsletter

None

Positive Affirmations

**Recognize that happiness is the journey, not
the destination.**

(Avot 4:16)

On the Lighter Side

Jerry Seinfeld on what he would call himself if he changed his Jewish-sounding name: "Well, I would keep my last name, so as not to offend my parents and I would have to go with Jesus."

Our Congregation

Our congregation was formed in 1952.

Our temple was completed in 1953.

Currently there are approximately 16 members and several associate members 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 August and September
The 1st and 3rd Friday's of October thru June.
No Services will be held in the month of July.

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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