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Kehillah Kedusha—Sacred Community

As we begin the year 5786, we are looking forward to offering a rich array of Adult Education programs. Educational opportunities, along with spiritual and social experiences, allow us to come together as a strong community. We have formatted this year's booklet to highlight the ongoing energy, wisdom, and leadership that Rabbi Allison Poirier continues to bring to our synagogue.

Most of our educational offerings will be in person to optimize our sense of community; however, some will be on Zoom to take advantage of leaders and programs that are outside our immediate geographic area. Kiddush Conversations will continue to be in person as well as livestreamed.

Many programs will continue, including Rabbi Poirier's fall and spring classes; Rabbi Perkins' weekly *Daf Yomi* sessions on Monday mornings beginning on October 20; and Rabbi Leslie Gordon's Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet on Shabbat mornings. This year, however, Rabbi Gordon's classes will be led twice a month by popular demand. Cantor Sohn will lead a new monthly Rosh Chodesh Song Circle. We will also continue to offer monthly Kiddush Conversations to hear from Temple members about their personal life experiences and challenges. Speakers from outside the Temple community as well as Temple members will present a variety of stimulating topics, including current events in Israel and antisemitism. Please consult the weekly ComingUp@Aliyah for any program updates, times, and venues.

I wish to thank the committee chairs, whose programs appear in this booklet. I also wish to extend a special thanks to Rabbi Allison Poirier, Rabbi Carl Perkins, Rabbi Leslie Gordon, Joan Perlman (Director of Congregational Learning and Engagement), Co-VPs of Education Dan Winograd and Quinn Pertman, the Adult Ed Committee, Margie Glazer, and the speakers who are participating in the programs this year.

Please feel free to browse this booklet for educational and spiritual opportunities and attend a program or two, or many more.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and sweet 5786!

B'Shalom,

Susan Glazer, Adult Education Committee Chair

HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNING AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

A HIGH HOLIDAY MEDITATION SERVICE

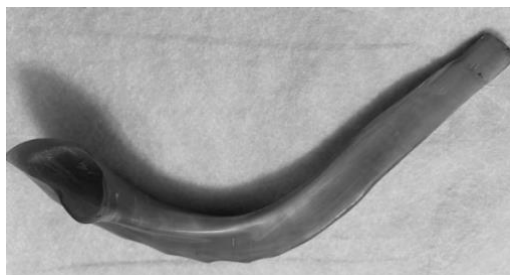
**Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday September 24 / 8:45–9:15 am
Naomi Litrownik, LICSW**

Start the second day of Rosh Hashanah with a Meditation Service led by Naomi Litrownik. This service gives you an alternative means of connecting spiritually with the themes of the High Holidays. The service is like the monthly Shabbat morning meditation group. All are welcome, no prior experience necessary! This program will be offered both in person and through Zoom. If you have any questions or need more information, please check Coming Up@Aliyah for Zoom link.

THE SHOFAR: A DEEP DIVE INTO ITS MEANING AND SYMBOLISM

**Yom Kippur, Thursday, October 2, 2025 / 3:45–4:45 pm
David Bernat, PhD**

The Shofar is, arguably, the central symbol and ritual item for the *Yamim Nora'im* (the High Holidays), beginning with the daily blowing during the month of Elul, continuing with the three Shofar services on Rosh Hashanah, and culminating in the *Tekiyah Gedola* of the Neilah service that concludes Yom Kippur. During our study break, we will take a close look at the meanings and symbolism of the Shofar in Jewish history and tradition, and its significance for the *Yamim Nora'im*.



SHABBAT LEARNING AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

SHABBAT MEDITATION

Shabbatot / 9:15–10 am: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6

Naomi Litrownik, LICSW

Envision spending an hour during Shabbat morning on a spiritual journey that includes brief silent meditation, chanting, Torah reflection, and discussion about what really matters in our lives. Allow yourself to be fully present at this sacred time, *Hineni*. Let yourself take this journey monthly at Shabbat Meditation. Newcomers are warmly welcome to this well-established group that has been meeting for over fifteen years! This program will be offered both in person and through Zoom. Please check ComingUp@Aliyah for Zoom link.

RE-IMAGINED TORAH ON TWO FEET

Shabbatot / 9–10 am: October 11, 25; November 8; December 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 14, 28; March 14, 28; April 25; May 9, 23; June 13, 27

Rabbi Leslie Gordon

Dig deep into the weekly Torah portion and enhance your Shabbat morning experience. Join us as we explore the weekly Torah reading from literary, spiritual, and psychological perspectives. We will sometimes resolve apparent problems with the text by applying the time-honored hypothesis of multiple authorships. Sometimes we will look at interesting commentaries or Midrashim to shed light on difficult passages. We meet two Shabbatot mornings per month, finishing our study in time to join the Torah service in the main sanctuary. No Hebrew required. Come for any or all sessions.



KIDDUSH CONVERSATIONS

Shabbatot: October 18, November 15, December 20, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 23 / After Kiddush, following Shabbat services; led by members of the Temple Aliyah community

Our congregation is filled with fascinating people with interesting stories to share. At Kiddush Conversations, Temple Aliyah members draw upon their areas of expertise, life experiences, or interests to lead a conversation. These conversations provide us with opportunities to learn from and about each other in a relaxed environment. Enhance your enjoyment of Shabbat by joining the Conversation! **Details of each Kiddush Conversation follow:**

PHOTOGRAPHING PRESIDENTS AND CELEBRITIES:

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK

Shabbat, ~~October 18~~ January 17

Diana Levine, Photographer, Presenter

Diana will talk about her experience as an editorial and advertising photographer, and share a behind-the-scenes look at some memorable moments in her career. These include photographing President Barack Obama and President Clinton and creating covers for *The Boston Globe Magazine* and *Boston Magazine*. On photo shoots for music magazines like *Rolling Stone* and *Billboard*, she worked with celebrities, such as Alicia Keys, Ed Sheeran, Kim Kardashian, Usher, New Kids on the Block, and more.

TEMPLE ALIYAH AND SEA CHANGE—WHAT’S NEXT?

November 15, 2025

Janet Gail Besser and Judy Sacks, Presenters

In April 2024, Temple Aliyah (TA) was invited to participate in SEA Change, a multi-congregational initiative (including Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley and Temple Isaiah in Lexington) that aims to enable congregations to (1) become more welcoming and inclusive internally and (2) become involved in critical social issues with other congregations as well as organizations beyond their own synagogue communities. SEA Change stands for Study, Engage, Act, the three phases of the program. Having completed the first two phases, TA is now moving into the Act phase, with exciting plans for our community and for collaborating with our partner congregations.

Please join us to learn more about SEA Change from Judy Sacks and Janet Besser, the original leaders of the Temple Aliyah cohort.

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING: AN INSIDE LOOK

Shabbat, December 20

Eric Weinstock, Presenter

Would you like to know more about independent filmmaking? Eric Weinstock will discuss the process of independent filmmaking, including the artistic components as well as the business aspects. As screenwriter and producer of a dark dental dramedy, *Perfect Smile*, Eric has combined his artistic talents with his profession as an endodontist. What an interesting combination! Come hear his story and bring your questions about filmmaking.

Shabbat, February 21

Matthew Hass, Presenter

For more information, please check Coming Up@Aliyah.

DISCOVERING WHAT ESL CLASSES REALLY COMMUNICATE

Shabbat, March 21

Lynn Dennis, Presenter

Few people would argue that young students, both subtly and explicitly, are molded by the expectations of their schools and communities. Perhaps we forget that these experiences trail adult learners into the classroom, particularly when they face radically different environments. Lynn Dennis set out four years ago to teach a skill, speaking English, but she was also beguiled as different lesson plans unfolded. She hopes you will hear the voices of her students and what she has learned along the way.

JUDAICA ART AT THE MFA, BOSTON

Shabbat, April 18

Rebecca Sher, Presenter

According to the principle of Hiddur Mitzvah (Hebrew for “beautification of the commandment”), aesthetics is essential to all aspects of religious life. Especially in ceremonial objects, the quality of materials, harmony of forms, and richness of textures can appeal to the senses and deepen immersion in spiritual customs. For this “virtual tour,” Rebecca will discuss Judaica Art at the MFA, the collection history, and ritual items ranging from an antique German Hanukkah lamp to a contemporary yahrzeit candle holder and Havdalah container designed and crafted in Israel. Photos of select objects will accompany the conversation.

How and when did the museum begin collecting Judaica? Why are these art pieces important? What are the ritual items we cherish and use in our homes, and what is the history of our own personal collection “accessions?” Come join us to delve into these questions and more!

EARLY PIONEERS OF TEMPLE ALIYAH

Shabbat, May 23

Temple Aliyah was founded in 1964 by a small number of families. Since then, we have grown to more than 400 families. We are fortunate to have some of the founding members who fondly remember those early days and the challenges they experienced. We will honor these pioneers of Temple Aliyah on this Shabbat and learn about our community's beginnings.



FULL YEAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

(Starting in September and extending into June)

A TASTE OF DAF YOMI—THE DAILY STUDY OF A PAGE OF TALMUD

Monday mornings / 8–9 am: beginning October 20 (Zoom only)

(Check ComingUp@Aliyah for specific dates)

Rabbi Carl M. Perkins, Rabbi Emeritus

Daf Yomi, Hebrew for “page of the day,” refers to a daily regimen in which each of the 2,711 pages of Talmud is studied in numerical order. Beginning in January 2020, Rabbi Perkins began studying a page of Talmud each day and joined hundreds of thousands of other scholars who do the same. Following a prescribed schedule, participants can complete the entire Talmud in seven years. Join with Rabbi Perkins and fellow congregants to study and discuss a highlight from one of the previous week’s *Daf Yomi* pages. Relevant reading materials will be provided, and no advanced preparation is required.

RE-IMAGINED TORAH ON TWO FEET

Shabbatot / 9–10 am: October 11, 25; November 8; December 13, 27;

January 10, 24; February 14, 28; March 14, 28; April 25; May 9, 23; June 13, 27

Rabbi Leslie Gordon

See page 3 of this booklet for a complete description.

TEMPLE-WIDE BOOK GROUP

Sunday evenings / 7–9 pm:

- October 26, 2026 – *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver
- January 11, 2026 – *Songs for the Brokenhearted* by Ayelet Tsabari
- March 22, 2026 – *Displaced Persons: Stories* by Joan Leegant
- May 3, 2025 – *The Goddess of Warsaw* by Lisa Barr

Everyone is welcome to join the Temple-wide book group (formerly Sisterhood Book Club). Books are primarily written by Jewish or Israeli authors or on relevant Jewish topics and are selected by the members. Anyone interested can have the option to lead a discussion in advance. Come to share your thoughts, catch up with friends, or meet new people. Advance sign-up is not required. Feel free to join any or all of the discussions.

Contact Aliza Cooperman (aliza_cooperman@yahoo.com) or Joey Regen (joeyregen@gmail.com) for more information.

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Mondays / 7:45–8:30 pm (Zoom only): September 8, October 20, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 9, April 6, May 4, June 1

Led by Members of the Study Group

The Rosh Chodesh group has been studying from the Tanakh and other textbooks intensively for the past few years. This year we are taking a more relaxed approach and will select isolated topics to discuss on a month-by-month basis. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Meda Turetsky at mturetsky@yahoo.com or Michele at pieceful@gmail.com

ROSH CHODESH SHIR AND SHIUR CIRCLE

Wednesdays / 6:30–7:30 pm

Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Linda Sue Sohn, with the Rosh Chodesh Song Circle

We are excited to present the program for the new Temple Aliyah's Hadar Community Group. Please join Temple Aliyah's Rosh Chodesh Song Circle for eight gatherings of soulful singing and text study connecting to themes of the season.

Dates for 2025–2026:

- August 27th Elul
- October 22nd Cheshvan
- November 19th Kislev
- January 21st Sh'vat
- February 18th Adar
- March 18th Nissan
- April 22nd Iyyar/Yom HaAtzmaut
- May 21st (THURSDAY!) Finale at the Tikkun for Erev Shavuot



—FIRST SESSION—

FALL AND EARLY WINTER PROGRAMS

CHALLAH BAKING for TWO SEASONS

Sunday, September 7 / 1–4 pm

Sara Shapiro and Mimi Rovner

Session 1—Welcoming the New Year

Following a nine-year absence, Sara Shapiro and Miriam Rovner return to the Temple Aliyah kitchen to join forces in exploring new ways to welcome the New Year and expand the Passover Holiday experience. They will be joined by our own Rabbi Poirier. On Sunday, September 7, they will prepare challah and explore some of the beautiful options for shaping round challot for Rosh Hashanah. The dough will be mixed from scratch, and participants will return home with baking instructions. **This class is limited to 16 people. Registration is required.** Session 2 will take place on Friday, April 10, 10 am–1 pm.

SAVORING SEPHARAD: A CULINARY JOURNEY FROM MEDIEVAL SPAIN TO THE SEPHARDIC DIASPORA

Sundays / 10–11:30 am: October 5, November 2, and December 7

Sara Gardner

How does food tell the story of Sephardic identity from the medieval period to the present? This is the question we will be exploring in this cooking class series. Through discussion and hands-on experimentation with medieval and modern recipes, this class will offer an introduction to Sephardic food and identity, starting in medieval Spain and spanning to the modern Sephardic diaspora. The class will draw from premodern and modern sources, such as a 13th-century Muslim cookbook from Andalusia, early modern Spanish literature, and the repertoire of Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) proverbs and songs.

This class will offer students a basic grounding in the history of Sephardic food and culture; participants are welcome to join for just one class or all three. There are no pre-requisites to join the class, but please do let the Temple Aliyah staff and Sara know ahead of time about any potential food allergies so the recipes can be adjusted accordingly. Participants will receive a sheet with the texts and recipes for class at each session. **Each class is limited to 20 people. Registration is required.**

Class 1: *Cooking Convivencia: Medieval Sephardic Food and Identity*

Date: October 5, 2025 / 10–11:30 am

Class 2: *Inquisitorial Indigestion: Changes and Continuities in Sephardic Food and Identity in the Early Modern Period*

Date: November 2, 2025 / 10–11:30 am

Class 3: *Dining in the Diaspora: Post–1492 Sephardic Recipes and Communal Cultures*

Date: December 7, 2025 / 10–11:30 am

HOW TO PROTECT GUN SAFETY LAWS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Sunday, October 19 at Temple Beth Elohim or via Zoom / 3:30–5 pm

Jewish Partnership for Gun Safety

Co-sponsored by the Temple Aliyah Social Action Committee

Massachusetts has the strongest gun safety laws in the United States, but a ballot initiative in the November 2026 state election seeks to repeal those laws. Jewish Partnership for Gun Safety (JPGS) is a collaborative alliance of members of three local synagogues (Temple Aliyah, Temple Isaiah of Lexington, and Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley) whose mission is to educate and activate the Jewish community and its allies to prevent gun violence and secure the protections we now have.

Please join JPGS to learn about Massachusetts' gun safety laws and how you can help protect them. Hear from Janet Goldenberg, co-founder of the MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, president of MA Action to Prevent Gun Violence, and a Temple Beth Elohim member. Learn from clergy about the relevance of gun safety to the Jewish community and the importance of protecting gun safety laws. Ideally you will join us in person at Temple Beth Elohim, but if you are unable to join in person, a Zoom option is available.

SUPPORTING OUR GRANDCHILD'S JEWISH JOURNEY

Thursday, October 23, Intro Session / 8–9 pm on Zoom

Rabbi Ari Saks

Thursdays: November 6, 13, and 20 / 12:30–2 pm in person at TA

Rabbi Allison Poirier

This class is for grandparents who are supporting children raised in interfaith/multifaith households. Together we will engage with our sacred tradition to find positive examples to support our unique approach to Jewish grandparenthood, and we will build a cohort of peers with similar experiences.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE SCROLLS—Part 1 of 3

Sunday, October 26 / 10–11:30 am in person

David Bernat, PhD

Overview of the Three Parts: The Dead Sea Scrolls represent one of the most consequential archaeological discoveries of the last century. To many, they are a mystery shrouded in a secret. Our three-part mini course will open a window to the scrolls, their content, and their significance for Jewish history and tradition, and to our understanding of Christianity and the Middle East under Greek and Roman rule. Sessions can be combined as a unit or attended individually.

Part 1: Dead Sea Discovery: Archaeology, Espionage, and Antisemitism. Our focus will be on the discovery and history of the research into the scrolls, the caves where they were found, and the Qumran site by the Dead Sea where the group, generally referred to as Essenes or the Yachad, resided for over a hundred years. This will include a James Bond type tale of intrigue, where scholar Yigal Yadin surreptitiously purchased the first scrolls on behalf of the State of Israel.

The following sessions are held on Zoom. Descriptions appear later in booklet.

Part 2, Sunday, February 8, 2026: A Day in the Life, 10:00–11:30 am

Part 3, Sunday, March 29, 2026: The Messianic Banquet, The Last Supper, and The Seder, 10:00–11:30 am

PROJECT ZUG—PARTNERSHIP WITH HADAR BOSTON

Wednesday, October 29 / 8–9 pm

Temple Aliyah is partnering with Hadar Boston to bring Project Zug to our community. “Zug” is a pair, as in a pair of students who learn together. We will begin with a kickoff event in person at Temple Aliyah and conclude with a Siyyum in person at Lehrhaus in Somerville. In between, partners will study together on their own schedule with source sheets and instructor videos.

This fall we have chosen the course “Out of the Ruins: Jewish Wisdom on Resilience.” In this four-session course, we’ll look to our own tradition, focusing on narratives from the Torah as well as the events of Jewish history to mine our texts for wisdom on resilience. We’ll ask: what are the different shapes resilience takes and how might we cultivate our own capacity for resilience based on the wisdom of Jewish tradition?

VALUES, BURNOUT, AND BOUNDARIES THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

Sunday, November 2, 2025 / 7–8:30 pm (Zoom only)

Emily Heeren, M.A., Chief Program Officer, Bamidbar, Newton

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PROMOTING A SHARED FUTURE FOR ISRAEL

Sunday, November 16 / 10–11:30 am

Lydia Woolley, The Abraham Initiatives

During a time of ongoing war, continuous threats to Israeli democracy, and deteriorating relations between Jewish and Palestinian citizen, The Abraham Initiatives (TAI) is working to build a different future in Israel. TAI has been promoting equality between Israel's Jewish and Palestinian citizens for thirty-five years across the fields of education, media, governance, and more. In the midst of the current challenging environment, TAI has expanded its Shared Education project and is looking to drastically increase the civic participation of Palestinian citizens in the next national elections. To discuss these projects and the current state of shared society between Israel's Jewish and Palestinian citizens, join us for a conversation with Lydia Woolley, Associate Director of TAI's North American office. In the face of global uncertainty, one thing remains clear: the only possible future is a shared one.

ARAVA ISRAEL BIKE RIDE

Sunday, November 23, 10–11:30 am

Cantor Linda Sue Sohn and David Eisenberg

The Arava Institute's Israel Ride, the premier cycling experience in Israel, connects people to Israel's land and culture, and supports an environmentally sustainable, secure, and peaceful Middle East. In five days this year, from October 28 to November 3, David Eisenberg, one of the organizers of the Ride, and Cantor Linda Sue Sohn, will cycle from Jerusalem to Eilat. They will have just returned from this year's ride and will be full of enthusiasm about their experience when we meet. Come hear their story.

MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION: WHAT DRIVES AN ARTIST TO CREATE

Sunday, December 21 / 10–11:30 am

Steven Branfman

Steven will share his origins and foundation as an artist, and the development of his 50-plus year career. The concepts of creativity, expression, influences, and purpose will be discussed, and how they relate to the vessels that reside in the Temple Aliyah sanctuary.



—SECOND SESSION— WINTER AND SPRING PROGRAMS

TASTE OF TALMUD—LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI POIRIER

Thursdays / 12–1:30 pm on Zoom: January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5 and 12

Do you miss us when you're in Florida? Do you want to learn Talmud on your lunch break without driving all the way from your office to the synagogue? These sessions will engage with stories of our Talmudic heroes and what they teach us about how to be leaders in our own times.

Texts will be studied in English, with some discussion of the original. No knowledge of Hebrew/Aramaic is needed. Familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet is a plus but not required!

WHEN AMERICA BECAME ZIONIST: THE STORY OF THE STRANGE GROUP OF POLITICIANS WHO ENSHRINED THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AS AMERICAN POLICY

Sunday, January 25 / 10–11:30 am

Rabbi Dan Judson

Congress passed the Lodge-Fish Resolution, which enshrined the Balfour Declaration as American foreign policy and established America as a pro-Zionist country. The story behind the bill and the group of politicians who sponsored the legislation is a fascinating tale that foreshadows much of the debate over Zionism today. The story also has a local angle since Massachusetts at that time was very much at the center of the pro-Zionist movement in America.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT with GUEST SPEAKER

January 31

Join the congregation for Sisterhood Shabbat when the women of Temple Aliyah lead the services, chant from the Torah, and conduct all prayers. A guest speaker will deliver a d'var Torah. As always, services will conclude with a festive Kiddush. Look for details in ComingUp@Aliyah.com

OFF-GRID TECHNO-SOCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR FOOD, ENERGY, AND WATER CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sunday, February 1 /10–11:30 am

**Rachel Kalikow, Chief Executive Officer of the Friends of the Arava Institute
Dr. Clive Lipchin of the Center for Transboundary Water Management**

In the hyper-arid, drought-stricken Middle East, one resource is more precious than water: Trust. Over the past 26 years, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) has demonstrated that cooperation on environmental issues that impact all the people of the region is an effective path to building cooperation among communities that have been locked in conflict for generations. AIES educates future leaders who can meet the Middle East's environmental challenges with innovative peace-building solutions and ensure a sustainable future for the region. Rachel Kalikow, in person, and Dr. Clive Lipchin, on Zoom from Israel, will tell us about the challenges of the region and Arava's critical work of training environmental leaders in the Middle East.

THE GENERATIONAL DIVIDE: A COURSE FOR PARENTS STRUGGLING TO UNDERSTAND THEIR COLLEGE-AGE AND ADULT CHILDREN'S PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAEL

**Five sessions in person / 6:00–7:30 pm: February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10
Rabbi Dan Judson**

The crisis in Israel has caused divides within and beyond the Jewish community. Some of those divides have not just separated Jewish communities but are now dividing families. Many family members are unable or unwilling to communicate with each other over this issue. This course is specifically for parents who are wrestling with their children's views on Israel. We are hoping to bring parents together to learn and think about Israel and about family. We will be looking at different perspectives on Israel, including those that are critical, with the goal of understanding one another's views. The course will be a mix of various types of learning.

We will hear from a family therapist for best strategies on communicating through difference. We will also examine some of the historical debates around Zionism to better understand our own moment. The course is not meant to be a support group but an opportunity to learn and reflect together in a space where there is some basic shared experience.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE SCROLLS—PART 2

Sunday, February 8 / 10–11:30 am on Zoom

David Bernat, PhD

A Day in the Life . . .

We will take a close look at some of the scrolls, and the archeology of the Qumran, for what they teach us about the daily lives of Jews and early Christians during the late 2nd Temple Period. What were their practices and rituals? How did they celebrate Shabbat and holidays? What were their core beliefs? To what extent were ancient Jews as diverse in their ideology and observances as we are today? ***Part 3 of the series is described below.***

ANTISEMITISM IN HEALTHCARE

Sunday, March 8 / 10–11:30

Dr. Mark Poznansky and Dr. Elyse Park

Dr. Poznansky and Dr. Park are founders and co-chairs of the newly formed Jewish Employee Resource Group (ERG) at Mass General Brigham. They organized the ERG in response to the growing antisemitism in the healthcare profession and in the United States in general. They recognized the need for Jewish doctors, staff, and faculty to be supported. They will explain the challenges in healthcare today, why there was a need for an ERG, how they organized it, and what you can do in your own workplace and when you are a patient or caregiver in a hospital or center of healthcare.

TEMPLE ALIYAH SHABBATON with GUEST SCHOLAR

Friday, Shabbat, and Sunday, March 13–15

Mark your calendar for Shabbaton Weekend, March 13–15. As always, we look forward to bringing you a thought-provoking weekend of community activities and education. Keep an eye on ComingUp@Aliyah for more details on this not-to-be missed weekend.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE SCROLLS—Part 3

Sunday March 29 / 10–11:30 am via Zoom

David Bernat, PhD

The Messianic Banquet, The Last Supper, and The Seder

At the center of the Yachad groups' lifestyle were communal meals, as attested to by the writings and the large dining hall and kitchen at the Qumran site. These meals were highly ritualized and tightly structured and anticipated one day such a meal greeting the coming of the Messiah. In that respect, these Messianic Banquets, along with the New Testament's Last Supper episodes, can teach us much about the Pesah Seder and its Messianic undertones.

CHALLAH BAKING for TWO SEASONS

Friday, April 10 / 10 am

Sara Shapiro and Mimi Rovner

Session 2—Passover

Participants will have the opportunity to prepare Shlissel challah—the special key-shaped challah that is prepared for the first Shabbat after Passover—and learn the story behind it. **This class is limited to 16 people.**

Registration is required.

TORAH FUND BRUNCH

Sunday, April 26 / 11 am–1 pm

Please join Sisterhood for a potluck brunch including an engaging speaker. Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning. Keep an eye out for details in ComingUp@Aliyah or The Sunday Scoop.

RESISTANCE—THEY FOUGHT BACK

Sunday, May 3 / 10–11:30 am

Paula S. Apsell, Film producer

We've all heard of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, but most people have no idea how widespread Jewish resistance to Nazi barbarism was. Instead, it's widely believed that "Jews went to their deaths like sheep to the slaughter." Filmed in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Israel, and the United States, *Resistance—They Fought Back* provides a much-needed corrective to this myth of Jewish passivity. There were uprisings in ghettos large and small, rebellions in death camps, and thousands of Jews fought Nazis in the forests. Everywhere in Eastern Europe, Jews waged campaigns of nonviolent resistance. This film tells their story.

JOURNEY INTO AMERICAN JEWISH MUSIC

Sunday, June 7 / 10–11:30 am

Hal Slifer

Join Hal Slifer, radio host of Chagigah, for a lively, interactive musical journey celebrating the Jewish musical soundtrack of our lives. This enjoyable 60-minute multimedia presentation features 15 unforgettable songs by Jewish singers and composers—from Al Jolson to Debbie Friedman and Leonard Cohen—brought to life with rare videos, fascinating backstories, and plenty of audience participation. Laugh, sing, and reminisce as we proudly explore the rich musical heritage that is American Jewish Music!



BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

PAULA S. APSELL created the feature documentary *Resistance—They Fought Back* with the goal of correcting the myth of Jewish passivity during the Holocaust. Before that, she spent thirty-five years as the senior executive producer of the PBS NOVA science series, responsible for more than 650 documentaries in the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine. The series won every major broadcasting award, including the Emmy, the Peabody, the DuPont-Columbia University Gold and Silver Batons, and an Academy Award nomination for Special Effects. She has been recognized with numerous individual awards, including the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Emmy of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Now CEO of Leading Edge Productions, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) public charity, she directed, wrote, and executive produced *Resistance—They Fought Back*.

DAVID BERNAT, PHD has been a Temple Aliyah member since 2008 and served a term on the board as Adult Education chair. He has a PhD from Brandeis in Biblical Studies and Jewish Antiquity, with research and publications in the areas of ritual, as well as violence and religious zealotry. Bernat has held faculty positions at Wellesley College, Hebrew College Rabbinical School, and UMass Amherst. He is active and sought after as a lecturer in the region on a wide variety of topics, particularly in adult learning arenas, and regularly leads tours to Israel with a focus on history and archaeology.

JANET GAIL BESSER is an energy policy and regulatory strategy expert, with over 40 years in the electricity/energy industry as a regulator, clean energy business association leader, utility executive, developer, consultant, and consumer advocate. She is currently moderating the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable and undertaking other select projects. She is also the chair of the Power Options Board and serves on the VEIC Board. Janet has an MPP from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Williams College.

Janet and her family have been members of Temple Aliyah for twenty years. They have two grown children who were graduates of Mercaz Aliyah and Bar and Bat Mitzvah at Temple Aliyah. In the past, Janet has been a member, co-chair, and chair of the School Committee and Social Action Committee. She is currently Chair of the Temple Aliyah Board. She also co-led, with Judy Sacks, Temple Aliyah's participation in SEA Change.

STEVEN BRANFMAN received his MAT from Rhode Island School Of Design in 1975 and enjoys an international reputation as a clay artist. He is a member of the International Academy of Ceramics. His Raku ware is in the collections of the *American Museum of Ceramic Art*, *The Alfred Ceramic Art Museum*, the *Mungyeong Ceramic Museum*, *Fuller Craft Museum*, *Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum*, *Crocker Art Museum*, *Canadian Clay and Glass Association*, *Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio*, and others. Steven is the founder/director of The Potters Shop & School in Needham, a founding board member of the National K–12 Exhibition Foundation, and the Past Chair and founding board member of The Potters Council of the American Ceramic Society. He also teaches pottery at Thayer Academy in Braintree. Steven writes frequently for craft and pottery magazines and has authored four books—*Mastering Raku: Making Ware-Glazes-Building Kilns-Firing*; *Raku: A Practical Approach*, first and second editions; and *The Potters Professional Handbook*.

MAX DAVIS is a fifth-year student at Hebrew College, originally from Chicago. He has served as a spiritual leader and educator for over fifteen years, most recently as rabbinic intern at Congregation Shirat Hayam and the Jewish Community of Amherst. Max is passionate about finding ways to live life as a spiritual practice. In his free time, he enjoys rock climbing, biking, and singing.

LYNN DENNIS has been a member of Temple Aliyah for about eighteen years. She is a retired clinical social worker with professional experience in trauma, hospice, and relocation care. She also has a master's degree in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College and previous professional experience working in congregational settings. Lynn was a volunteer for Russian immigrants in St. Louis and began her interest in ESL teaching with Aliyah's Afghan project.

DAVID EISENBERG and his wife, Fran Caplan, have been members of Temple Aliyah since 1984. Their four children celebrated their B'nai Mitzvahs at the Temple and David celebrated his adult Bar Mitzvah here. David helped lead the capital campaign to build Temple Aliyah's current building. He has served as the Temple's financial secretary and a member of the Board as well as Chair of our Israel Bonds and Israel Kesher appeals. A retired investment professional, David spent most of his career in institutional investment management and strategy.

David has been a participant in the Israel Ride since 2005 and served as co-chair of the ride from 2012 through the end of the final Arava Institute Israel Ride in 2025. In that capacity, he helped bring over one thousand people to see Israel, bike it's incredible landscapes, and support the work of the Arava Institute. He has been an annual participant in the Pan-Mass Challenge since 2002. He currently serves on the Board of Jewish National Fund—New England and is a past member of the Board of Friends of the Arava Institute.

SARA GARDNER is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies at the University of Minnesota. Her work focuses on the culinary heritage and cultural identity of the Sephardic Jews. Previously, she served as the Collaborations Manager for the Jewish Arts Collaborative and the Associate Director for Young Adult Programs at Hebrew College. From 2016–2017, Sara lived in Spain where she researched medieval Sephardic culinary heritage as a Fulbright Graduate Research Scholar. She has presented her work at various international conferences and has taught cooking classes across the Boston area and internationally. Sara is also a cookbook author; her first cookbook is entitled *The Rosh Hashanah Seder Cookbook: Stories and Recipes from the Reform Jewish Community of Madrid* (2018). In her spare time, Sara loves to paint watercolors, FaceTime with her siblings, and experiment with Jewish diasporic flavors in her kitchen.

RABBI LESLIE GORDON has served as Temple Aliyah's Interim rabbi during the Temple's rabbinic search and Rabbi Perkins' sabbaticals, and has been the Rabbi-in-Residence for many years. She has been an active member of the Temple Aliyah community since 1997, teaching and leading numerous classes and workshops. Rabbi Gordon received her Rabbinic Ordination and Master of Arts from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She has served as the Senior Interim Rabbi at Temple Israel in Sharon and as a rabbi at synagogues in Alexandria, Virginia and in Lowell, Massachusetts. The recipient of many awards, Rabbi Gordon also teaches several conversion classes for Jews by Choice in the Boston area.

MATTHEW HASS holds a PhD in Ancient Judaism from Harvard University. He also earned a Masters in Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary and degrees in History and Talmud from Columbia and JTS, respectively. He has taught at many academic institutions in the Boston area, including Harvard, Tufts, BC, and Hebrew College. His research focuses on early Jewish and Christian Biblical interpretation. His nonacademic interests include chess, Chicago sports, and 80s rock band trivia.

EMILY HEEREN has worked with youth and young adults both in and outside of the formal classroom for over a decade. With a foundation in experiential learning, Emily has applied her skills as a high school special education teacher, a higher education administrator, and in Jewish, outdoor, and mental health settings. Emily is the Chief Program Officer of BaMidBar, which provides mental health services and educational programming focusing on Jewish teens and young adults. She has a master's degree in Curriculum and Teaching with a concentration in Special Education from Boston University.

RABBI DAN JUDSON, Ph.D. is the Provost of Hebrew College where he also serves as a lecturer in Jewish history. He received his doctorate in Jewish history from Brandeis University, and his book, *Pennies for Heaven: The History of American Synagogues and Money* (Brandeis University Press, 2018) was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. He is presently working on a book on American Zionist history, *When America Became Zionist: The Lodge-Fish Resolution of 1922*. Dr. Judson is also a storyteller who has appeared on the national Moth radio hour: <https://themoth.org/storytellers/daniel-judson>

DIANA LEVINE is an editorial photographer who has photographed covers for *Boston Magazine*, *The Boston Globe Magazine*, and magazines for Harvard, MIT, Boston College, BC Law, Simmons, and more. Prior to moving home to Boston, Diana and her husband Matt spent a decade in New York City, where she photographed for Rolling Stone, Billboard, Converse, MTV, and more. She's photographed notable personalities such as President Barack Obama, President Clinton, Alicia Keys, Kim Kardashian, Usher, Ed Sheeran, and athletes such as Julian Edelman from the Patriots and Jaylen Brown from the Celtics. Diana also photographs headshots and family portraits in studio and outdoors in the Metrowest area. You can find her work at dianalevine.com.

NAOMI LITROWNIK, LICSW has for many years brought her professional talents to enhance our spiritual life at Temple Aliyah. Naomi has been a practicing psychotherapist for more than four decades. In addition to her clinical practice, she is a Behavioral Health Consultant, an EMDR psychotherapist, and a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Teacher. She also trained at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. A Temple Aliyah member for many years, Naomi attends services regularly and is a frequent Torah and Haftarah chanter

ELYSE R. PARK, PHD, MPH is a Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine at MGH/Harvard Medical School and Director of Health Promotion and Resiliency Intervention Research (HPRIR) Center. She is a clinical health psychologist and health services researcher who designs interventions to improve health-related behaviors among cancer survivors and populations and communities. Her research focuses on developing and implementing behavioral interventions to enhance resiliency and improve health behaviors. Her work is funded by the National Institute of Health and several foundations. Clinically, she treats cancer survivors. She also directs research at the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine. Importantly, she is a Temple Aliyah member.

RABBI CARL M. PERKINS is currently Rabbi Emeritus after having served as Temple Aliyah's spiritual leader for thirty-one years. He was ordained and awarded a master's degree in Talmud and Rabbinics from The Jewish Theological Seminary in America. Before pursuing the rabbinate, he practiced law for several years in Boston. Rabbi Perkins teaches and lectures widely in the Boston area and beyond and is currently an adjunct instructor at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School. He is the author of the revised edition of *Embracing Judaism* and many articles and sermons published in various journals, and responsa published on the Jewish Values Online website.

RABBI ALLISON POIRIER earned a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude in Religion from Barnard College and a Bachelor of Arts cum laude in Talmud from the Jewish Theological seminary. She was ordained by Hebrew College in 2019, where she also earned a master's degree in Jewish education. During her years of rabbinic study, she spent a semester at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Rabbi Poirier's passion for Jewish learning includes a deep commitment to lifelong study. In 2022 she studied in the inaugural cohort of Talmud Pedagogy Fellows hosted by Hebrew College and Svava, and she looks forward to sharing her love of Talmud study with the Temple Aliyah community. She is currently studying as a member of the fourth cohort of Rukin Rabbinic Fellows with 18Doors and is excited to grow Temple Aliyah's outreach to interfaith families.

MARK C. POZNANSKY, MD, PHD is a Professor of Medicine at MGH/Harvard Medical School an attending physician in infectious diseases medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and Director of the Vaccine and Immunotherapy Center at MGH. His clinical subspecialization includes the treatment of infection in immune-compromised patients. The Poznansky laboratory works at the interface between scientific discovery and medical product development, discovering novel immune processes, defining their molecular mechanisms, and exploring their relevance to the development of vaccines and immunotherapies for cancer, infectious diseases, and type I diabetes. Dr. Poznansky is also the co-founder of Harvard Medical School – Kalaniyot, whose mission is to foster academic relations between Israeli academic medical centers and HMS here in Boston. He also serves on the Board of the newly formed American Jewish Medical Association.

MIRIAM (MIMI) ROVNER and her husband Gerry have been members of the Temple Aliyah community since the late 1970s. Her first professional employment was as a teacher in the Newton public schools and later as an ESL teacher in the Weston schools. In the late 1980s, after obtaining a paralegal certificate, she embarked on a new career in the then expanding field of intellectual property law, where she worked until retirement. She has been a long-time volunteer with Temple Aliyah's Hesed committee, and co-teacher for the temple's Jubilee year classes in preparing traditional Jewish foods and challah baking. She is also an active member of the Board of the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

JUDY SACKS and her late husband Neil joined Temple Aliyah in 1972. They and their family soon became actively involved in TA community life. Judy launched the long-standing Temple Aliyah Holiday School, a monthly enrichment program for 4- and 5-year-olds. Judy is a past president of the TA Sisterhood, first lady when Neil served as TA president, and she has chaired or served on many TA standing committees.

The daughter of refugees from Nazi Germany, Judy found great satisfaction in working at Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) in Boston, where she helped newcomers from over thirty countries to live in freedom and build lives in the Greater Boston area. From 1982 to 2002, she was JVS's Director of Refugee Employment Services for which she received local and national awards. Then in 2002, she became JVS's Director of Professional and Jewish Community Services, serving in that role until 2023.

In January 2022, together with co-chair Aviva Jezer, and assisted by a virtual army of volunteers from the TA community, Judy helped resettle two wonderful young men from Afghanistan. The community remains closely involved with them.

Currently Judy and her co-chair, Janet Besser, lead Temple Aliyah's participation in SEA Change.

REBECCA SHER has served as an Associate Art Guide and Gallery Instructor for School Groups at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston since 2010. She continues to volunteer as an MFA Visitor Information Specialist and Digital Archivist. She graduated from Wellesley College with a combined major of art and art history.

HAL SLIFER is the radio host of Chagigah Radio, one of America's most popular Jewish Radio programs, offering listeners a wide range of Music, Humor, and Schmoozing. Chagigah broadcasts from WERS/88.9 in Boston and streams worldwide at WERS.org. Hal produced Family Documentaries for 20 years before trading in his video camera for a radio mic. Hal lives in Newton with his wife Dee, enjoys swimming and the movies, and most all he enjoys his granddaughters, Adar and Yael.

CANTOR LINDA SUE SOHN has been Temple Aliyah's Interim cantor since 2024 as well as a B'nei Mitzvah tutor for the last eleven years. She is the founder and web-designer of CantorEducator.com, a website devoted to providing recordings and printouts of Torah and Haftarah texts, which are designed for beginner Hebrew readers and individuals with special needs. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her bike on local rail trails, on quiet roads, and sometimes on adventures away from home.

ERIC WEINSTOCK is a multi-optioned, produced, and award-winning screenwriter of feature films. In 2016 his family film *Arlo: The Burping Pig* was distributed by Lionsgate. In 2017 Gravitas released *Blood Circus*, Eric's gritty fight action film about an illicit and brutal underground fight club. Eric has three films currently playing on Lifetime: *A Dangerous Date*, *Killing All My Sisters*, and *Amish Abduction* which was just nominated for a LEO Award for best motion picture.

Eric's horror films—*Burial Ground Massacre* and its sequel *Damon's Revenge*—are currently streaming, and his bigger budget psychological crime thriller, *Avery's Sin*, will be shot this year. *An Egypt Affair*, a complex thriller shot on the Nile River, is currently streaming on Tubi and is the winner of Best Screenplay at the Rome International Movie Awards. Eric is also a contest winner (WriteMovies) for *Perfect Smile*, his dark dramatic comedy about a womanizing dentist on the run (only slightly autobiographical)!

LYDIA WOOLLEY is Associate Director (for North America) at The Abraham Initiatives (TAI), an Israeli nonprofit working to build shared society between Jewish and Palestinian citizens. Lydia organizes programming, plans events, and builds partnerships with civil society, spiritual communities, and more.

Prior to working at TAI, Lydia was an investigator of police misconduct at the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board. Lydia is a student of Arabic language and holds a BA in English and Political Science from Tulane University. She grew up in the Chicagoland area and is based in Brooklyn.

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HESED: Community Caring. Contact Joan Smith

ISRAEL KESHER: Our contact with Israeli community-serving organizations

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: Contact MHI@templealiyah.com

SISTERHOOD: Contact Sisterhood@templealiyah.com

SOCIAL ACTION: Inspired by the Jewish tradition of engaging in mitzvot dedicated to *Tikkun Olam*, the Social Action Committee offers opportunities to learn and to inspire action in response to Jewish issues of social justice that occur on local, national, and international levels.

<https://www.templealiyah.com/community/social-action/>

STAYING CONNECTED: Provides social, religious, and cultural activities frequently appealing to congregants whose children have “left the roost” and beyond, but open to all ages

SUKKAT SHALOM: Our outdoor community space for community contemplation, play, and renewal



PROGRAM CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday, August 27 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, September 6 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, September 7 1–4 pm	<i>Challah Baking</i> with Sara Shapiro and Mimi Rovner
Monday, September 8 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women’s Study Group</i>
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 24 8:45–9:15 am	<i>High Holiday Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
OCTOBER	
Yom Kippur Thursday, October 2 3:45–4:45 pm	<i>The Shofar: A Deep Dive into Its Meaning and Symbolism</i> with David Bernat, PhD
Shabbat, October 4 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, October 5 10–11:30 am	<i>Savoring Sepharad: A Culinary Journey: Cooking Convivencia</i> with Sara Gardner
Shabbat, October 11 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Shabbat, October 18 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Photographing Presidents and Celebrities: A Behind-the-Scenes Look</i> with Diana Levine
Sunday, October 19 3:30–5 pm at Temple Beth Elohim or via Zoom	<i>How to Protect Gun Safety Laws and Why It Matters</i> with Jewish Partnership for Gun Safety
Monday, October 20 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, October 20 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women’s Study Group</i>

Wednesday, October 22 6:30-7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Thursday, October 23 12:30–2:00 pm via Zoom	<i>Introduction to Supporting Our Grandchild's Jewish Journey</i> with Rabbi Ari Saks
Shabbat, October 25 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Sunday, October 26 10–11:30 am	<i>The Mystery of the Scrolls, Part 1</i> with David Bernat, PhD
Sunday, October 26 7–9 pm	<i>Temple-wide Book Group</i>
Monday, October 27 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, October 29 8–9 pm	<i>Project Zug—Partnership with Hadar Boston</i>
NOVEMBER	
Shabbat, November 1 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, November 2 10–11:30 am	<i>Savoring Sepharad: A Culinary Journey: Inquisitorial Indigestion</i> with Sara Gardner
Sunday, November 2 7–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Values, Burnout, and Boundaries Through a Jewish Lens</i> with Emily Heeren
Monday, November 3 8–9 am, via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, November 3 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group</i>
Thursdays: November 6, 13, 20 12:30–2pm in person	<i>Supporting Our Grandchild's Jewish Journey</i> with Rabbi Allison Poirier
Shabbat, November 8 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Monday, November 10 8–9 am, via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins

Shabbat, November 15 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Temple Aliyah and Sea Change— What's Next?</i> with Janet Besser and Judy Sacks
Sunday, November 16 10–11:30 am	<i>Promoting a Shared Future for Israel</i> with Lydia Woolley, The Abraham Initiatives
Monday, November 17 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, November 19 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Sunday, November 23 10–11:30 am	<i>Arava Israel Bike Ride</i> with David Eisenberg and Cantor Linda Sue Sohn
Monday, November 24 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins

DECEMBER	
Monday, December 1 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, December 6 9 :15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, December 7 10–11:30 am	<i>Savoring Sepharad: A Culinary Journey: Dining in the Diaspora</i> with Sara Gardner
Monday, December 8 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, December 8 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group</i>
Shabbat, December 13 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Monday, December 15 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat December 20 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Independent Filmmaking: An Inside Look</i> with Eric Weinstock

Monday, December 22 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, December 27 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon

JANUARY

Shabbat, January 3 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Monday, January 5 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, January 5 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group</i>
Thursdays: January 8, 15, 22, and 29 12–1:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Taste of Talmud</i> with Rabbi Allison Poirier
Shabbat, January 10 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Sunday, January 11 7–9 pm	<i>Temple-Wide Book Group</i>
Monday, January 12 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, January 19 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, January 21 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, January 24 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Sunday, January 25 10-11:30 am	<i>When America Became Zionist</i> with Rabbi Dan Judson
Monday, January 26 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins

Shabbat, January 31 9:15 am–noon	<i>Sisterhood Shabbat</i> with Guest Speaker
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FEBRUARY	
Sunday, February 1 10–11:30 am	<i>Off-Grid Techno-Social Solutions for Food, Energy, and Water Challenges in the Middle East</i> with Rachel Kalikow and Dr. Clive Lipchin
Monday, February 2 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, February 2 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group</i>
Tuesdays: February 3, 10, 24 March 3 and 10 6–7:30 pm	<i>The Generational Divide: A Course for Parents Struggling to Understand Their College-Age and Adult Children's Perspectives on Israel</i> with Rabbi Dan Judson
Thursdays: February 5, 12 12–1:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Taste of Talmud</i> with Rabbi Allison Poirier
Shabbat, February 7 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, February 8 10–11:30 am via Zoom	<i>The Mystery of the Scrolls, Part 2: A Day in the Life . . .</i> with David Bernat, PhD
Monday, February 9 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, February 14 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Monday, February 16 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, February 18 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, February 21 Following Shabbat Services	Kiddush Conversation with Matthew Hass
Monday, February 23 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, February 28 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon

MARCH	
Monday, March 2 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, March 7 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, March 8 10–11:30 pm	<i>Antisemitism In Healthcare</i> with Dr. Mark Poznansky and Dr. Elyse Park
Monday, March 9 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, March 9 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women’s Study Group</i>
Friday, Shabbat, Sunday March 13–15	<i>Temple Aliyah Shabbaton Weekend</i> with Guest Scholar
Shabbat, March 14 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Monday, March 16 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, March 18 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, March 21 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Discovering What ESL Classes Really Communicate</i> with Lynn Dennis
Sunday, March 22 7–9 pm via Zoom	<i>Temple-Wide Book Group</i>
Monday, March 23 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, March 28 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon

Sunday, March 29 10–11:30 am	<i>The Mystery of the Scrolls, Part 3: The Messianic Banquet, The Last Supper, and The Seder</i> with David Bernat, PhD
Monday, March 30 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins

APRIL	
Shabbat, April 4 9:15–10 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Monday, April 6 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, April 6 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group</i>
Friday, April 10 10 am–1 pm	<i>Challah Baking</i> with Sara Shapiro and Mimi Rovner
Monday, April 13 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Shabbat, April 18 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Judaica Art at the MFA, Boston</i> with Rebecca Sher
Monday, April 20 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Wednesday, April 22 6:30–7:30 pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, April 25 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Sunday, April 26 11 am –1 pm	<i>Torah Fund Brunch</i>
Monday, April 27 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins

MAY	
Shabbat, May 2 9:15–10:00 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, May 3 10–11:30 am	<i>Resistance—They Fought Back</i> with Paula Apsell
Sunday, May 3 7–9 pm	<i>Temple-wide Book Group</i>

Monday, May 4 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, May 4 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women’s Study Group</i>
Shabbat, May 9 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Monday, May 11 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Monday, May 18 8–9 am via Zoom	<i>Daf Yomi</i> with Rabbi Carl Perkins
Thursday, May 21 Finale at the Tikkun for Erev Shavuot	<i>Rosh Chodesh Shir and Shiur Circle</i> with Rabbi Poirier and Cantor Sohn
Shabbat, May 23 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Shabbat, May 23 Following Shabbat Services	<i>Early Pioneers of Temple Aliyah</i> with some of the founders
JUNE	
Monday, June 1 7:45–8:30 pm via Zoom	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women’s Study Group</i>
Shabbat, June 6 9:15–10:00 am	<i>Shabbat Meditation</i> with Naomi Litrownik
Sunday, June 7 10–11:30 am	<i>Journey into American Jewish Music</i> with Hal Slifer
Shabbat, June 13 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon
Shabbat, June 27 9–10 am	<i>Re-imagined Torah on Two Feet</i> with Rabbi Leslie Gordon

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