

SHABBAT SHALOM!

Welcome to



April 18-19, 2025, 21 Nisan 5785

Seventh Day of Passover

Torah Portion: Ex. 14:26-15:26

Haftarah: II Sam. 22:1-51

Robert Jacobs, Interim Rabbi

Jason Edelstein (z"l), Rabbi Emeritus

Barbara AB Symons, Rabbi Emerita

Randy Boswell, President

As we move away from the Seder table at the start of Pesach, starting Sefirat ha-Omer—the counting of 7 times 7 days to Shavuoth – this Shabbat is a shared event between Shabbat and Festival. What is most eccentric about the year 5785, however, is the merger of Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach with day 7 of the Festival, that is the intermediate Sabbath of Passover is in fact Day 7, the last day of the Festival in Israel and according to Reform practice in North America (others have an 8th day, a Rabbinic Period addition of great antiquity related to the timing of the sighting of the New Moon, prior to calculation of the Jewish calendar standard decades or more before the destruction of the Temple). The simple rule for setting practice is that we do the regular first, then add the special event, with Shabbat acting as gracious host for the annual festival liturgy. Candles are blessed for Shabbat v Yom Tov, Festival Kiddush includes both the Shabbat introduction [Va-yehi erev...] and the text describing both Creation and Sabbath rest in the longer paragraph, which has the formal name of kedushat hayom — sanctification of the day. Counting of the Omer follows as Day 7, which is one week, of the Omer. During the service. L'cha Dodi, which welcomes added the spirit is omitted, since we are making the transition from sacred to sacred. In ancient agriculture in the Near East, the harvest days that started during the festival and concluded at Shavuoth 50 days later, was a matter of life and death, for without the grain, the community faced great hardship, as the latter half of Genesis illustrates from an earlier period, leading to the sojourn in Egypt and, finally, liberation from slavery via the Exodus we are still marking with Matzah through the conclusion of the Shabbat and Festival Day this week.

Chag Samei'ach – A joyous holiday!

We pray for healing for our fellow congregants; please bring those prayers beyond the sanctuary via a phone call, a visit, a note or assistance. Please notify the Rabbi or Debbie, if you would like to add or delete a name from this list. We pray for people in America and around the world in need of healing.

In consideration of privacy, the names have been removed from this online version of the service handout. If you would like to have the name of a loved one said aloud during this service, please write it in the chat preferably including his/her relationship to you.

We remember, with love, the Six Million whose lives were taken during the Holocaust. We also remember, with love, those who were taken from our midst this week in years past. When you hear the name of your loved one, please rise in place. We will all rise as a community to say kaddish.

Richard Perlman, Cousin of Jay Goodman

Yahrzeits :15-21 Nisan (Read on April 18-19)

Joseph Weltman
Stanley Abramson ☆🕯
Eda Bleiberg 🕯
Arnold Eisen
Joyce Hodes
Esther P. Kaye 🕯
Mildred Linzer
Marilyn Recht ☆
Anastasia Watson

Thomas White
Henry Abromson
Katherine Buckstein ☆🕯
Louis I. Herman
Lina E. Izrael 🕯
Rhoda Kronberg ☆🕯
Paul Lucas
George Simon

Marian Wile
Ethel Bleiberg 🕯
Judy A. Crombie
Ethel Hirschfield
Rita Ann Karp 📖🕯
Sam Lewis
Rebecca Rachel Rabinowitz 🕯
Frances Singer

☆ Past TD Member 🕯 Memorial Plaque 📖 Charter Member

Temple David Week at a Glance:

Saturday, April 19 (21 Nisan)

7th Day of Pesach Morning Festival Worship w/Yizkor led by Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM
Leftovers Lunch Following Service
Break Pesach at Pugliano's 6 PM

Sunday, April 20 (22 Nisan)

NO Weiger Religious School
Brotherhood Meeting 9:30 AM

Monday, April 21 (23 Nisan)

Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday, April 22 (24 Nisan)

Mah Jongg 11:30 PM

Wednesday, April 23 (25 Nisan)

Weiger Religious School 4:30 PM
Membership Committee 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 24 (26 Nisan)

Yom HaShoah
Yom HaShoah Observance at Rodef Shalom 7 PM

Friday, April 25 (27 Nisan)

Family Service and Dinner 6 PM
Holocaust Remembrance Erev Shabbat Worship Led by Rabbi Jacobs 7:30 PM
Music Led by: Randy Boswell

Saturday, April 26 (28 Nisan)

Birkat HaChodesh Iyar
Torah Talk Led by Rabbi Jacobs 9 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship Led by Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM
Service and Luncheon in Honor of Andrea Stanger 10 AM

Special Events Reminders:

Honoring Andrea Stanger Sat. April 26 @ 10 AM and Kiddush lunch following

For close to 50 years Andrea has been at the helm of the Temple David Library. Please join us honoring her as she passes the torch to Miranda Nixon. RSVP to Debbie Moltz 412-372-1200 or templeoffice99@gmail.com.

Celebrating Israel at Temple David Wed., April 30 @ 5:30 PM

Everyone is invited to our Yom HaAtzmaut Program. Learn about Israel Culture, try fun activities, and enjoy delicious food.

Lunch w/ the Rabbi @ May 1 @ 12 PM at Max and Erma's

There is no agenda. Our monthly lunches are simply a lovely way to gather, share a good meal, meet new TD members and connect with friends, even if it is your lunch break.

Pick up our next Book Discussion book The Little Liar by Mitch Albom in the Temple David Foyer details to come!

A message from Rory Pihony “As you all may know, I am having my Bat Mitzvah soon. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I'm raising money for Make-a-Wish. Make-a-Wish is a program that helps kids with a critical condition fulfill a dream of theirs when they need it most. I was in the hospital for a week and hated it. I wasn't in a condition like they may be, but I understand. Please consider donating. There is a box with Make-a-Wish on it near the religious school office with all the other tzedakah boxes. My goal is \$1,000. Thank you!”

A Message from Joe Raithel I am excited to start a mitzvah project in honor of me becoming Bar Mitzvah on May 24. For my project, I have decided to update the Camp Airy library. Camp Airy is a Jewish boys sleepaway camp in Maryland that I've been going to since the summer of 2020. I noticed that the camp library is missing a lot of books for kids my age and am thrilled to be able to add to the library for campers this summer and in the future. For this project, I have created a wish list on Bookshop.org. These books have been reviewed and approved by Camp Airy staff for content and inclusiveness. Would you consider purchasing a book or two to help me reach my goal? Books purchased from the wish list will be shipped to me directly and a bookplate will be added prior to delivering the books to camp.

Website for the wish list: <https://bit.ly/JoeMitzvahProject>