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From Our Rabbi:

By Rabbi Joshua Neely

Does God expect us to be perfect? Yes and no. Western thinking from Greek philosophy through Christian Europe on into consumerism has all taught that there is such a thing as perfection. This perfection may be difficult or even impossible to attain but we should continuously strive towards it. Where we fail and why we fail will determine our position on the great scoreboard of life or in the afterlife.

Judaism disagrees. There is no perfect human ideal, neither in form nor behavior. There is no one sacred template against which God compares us to see how we measure up. Our individuality is more than a catch-phrase but a theological proclamation that we are each judged without reference to some perfect score. This doesn't mean God grades on a curve.

Perfection in Judaism comes from doing the right thing at the right time for the right reasons while simultaneously fixing all our previous mistakes. There are multiple paths to achieving this goal for each individual. These paths will often be different from each other as well, though a great deal of overlap is what provides us with shared purpose and community. The basic form of each of the mitzvot is consistent throughout time and for all of us. Pork is forbidden, Tzedakah is required, prayer is essential, and corruption is prohibited. How we fulfill those mitzvot is not measured against a ruler, but by our Ruler, our King. Our King sees the truth in our deeds.

The Talmud tells of two men, one who fed his father rare birds and the other who set his father to work at a millstone. One honored his father and the other did not. When the lord came looking for the father for labor the son told his father to stay and work at the mill while he took his place. When the father asked how his son could afford such delicacies all the time his son scolded him and told him to shut up and eat. *Yerushalmi, Masechet Peah, 1:1*

When we realize that our striving is not towards an impersonal perfection and not away from impersonal failure, when we realize perfection is not moving away from who we are towards what we are not, then we become open to the most important realization: we are eternally moving towards and away from God.

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From Our President:

By Arlene van de Rijn

I believe community grows as community is experienced. Based on that belief, I have decided to experiment with our monthly bulletin over the next 12 months. I hope to put more of an emphasis on the people in our congregational family rather than mostly limiting our bulletin to announcements about programming.

Having said that, it is important to acknowledge the significance of programming because nurturing study is, after all, one of the traditional functions of a synagogue. But a bulletin also has the potential for us to get to know one another on a more personal level by publishing stories and photos of interest. I believe this is a side to our bulletin that needs strengthening. Beginning with this issue, you will notice more pictures and personal comments that, hopefully, reveal a more up-close-and-personal side of our congregation. I hope you like it, and I welcome your comments. If you would like to be a journalist and become part of this endeavor, please contact me.

On a different note, I want to take time to thank all the members of our Hiddur Mitzvah 2012 committee for their hard work and dedication in seeing this project come to fruition. I can really appreciate the impact Harriett's Park has had on our religious school students because I was on the playground the first time the children were allowed to use the equipment. It was amazing. They loved it. Jo Ann Farb was chair and led us to reach our goal. Thank you so much to Jo Ann, Daniel Wise, Fabienne Kaplan, Mollie Savage, Geanne Share, Elliott Davis, Rebecca Kauffman and Phyllis Kamenoff.

Now that Hiddur Mitzvah 2012 has been successfully completed, it's time to start talking about Hiddur Mitzvah 2013 and beyond. With board approval, I am hoping to give a facelift to our social hall, especially from the waist up (ceiling, lighting fixtures). This is a project that might take several years to complete, and it will certainly require a committed lay leadership team. It will also require challenges to be met by each of us individually. I see our social hall as a very important center of Jewish living and community. As I said last spring, "Continually connecting the synagogue with multiple gateways to participation and spirituality requires both ongoing attention and intentionality." I still believe that, so I'm ready to take the next first step. I hope we can all be inspired to work shoulder to shoulder on this effort.

Shalom,
Arlene van de Rijn
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From Our Education Director

By Debra Ruth Kira

Shalom,

With the holidays arriving early this year (and even earlier next year) believe it or not Tu B'Shevat is just around the corner. Saturday January 26th our trees will celebrate a birthday. Tu B'Shevat is a time to celebrate nature and reflect on our place in it.

Tu B'Shevat obviously brings to mind trees and by extension all that trees do for us. The entire life cycle of a tree helps others. Its roots hold the earth together for others to grow and live in. Holding the earth together helps keep the deserts at bay. Along with holding onto water with its roots, its leaves help clean the air for us to breathe, its leaves also create shade to protect us from the sun and when they fall, help restore nutrients to the earth. The trunk of the tree is a condo for animals. So as we begin to think of trees, we naturally think of the life cycle.

If we think on broader terms, outside of the box, we can easily relate the life cycle of a tree to our "Family Tree". All families have members that help hold the family together. There are those that help us to grow and those that help us to have fun. There are also those that help us stay grounded and connected to the world at large. Our family needs all of its members, just as a tree needs its branches, in order to continue to grow and keep itself balanced.

This year I would like to broaden this idea even more and look at our community as a family tree. We all have a Jewish heritage and Jewish customs that we cherish. The children, Mollie Savage, and I will be creating a tree that will help us track where we as a community came from and how we got to be here in Winter Springs at Temple Israel. We are tracking where you, our congregants, emigrated from. Where were you and your families before you became associated with Temple Israel? This will be an amazing sight to see. A tree covered in leaves that show how we all came to be part of the community that we share. Read on to page 11 to see how you can participate!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, January 2, 2013
Winter Break
Sunday, January 20, 2013
Martin Luther King Weekend—No School
Saturday, January 26, 2013
Tu B'Shevat observed
Sunday, January 27, 2013
Tu B'Shevat celebrated

Debra Ruth Kira

From Our Youth Director

By Michael Weiss

Shalom Temple Israel!

Well, we made it to 2013! I hope everyone had an incredible holiday season and an even happier New Year celebration. While we each have our own families and friends to be thankful for, we all need to recognize the beautiful community we have here at Temple Israel that we can share the holiday season with.

While I know most of the parents were ecstatic to have their kids home for Winter Break (or maybe not so much towards the end!), I didn't get to spend too much time with my own family due to USY International Convention in Boston. This weeklong convention truly highlights the future of the Jewish people. Teenagers from all over the world come together for a week of some Jewish fun, some Jewish learning, and of course some Jewish people.

This was my first experience at International Convention and I hope some of Temple Israel's teens can share the moments in upcoming years! Seeing over 1,000 Jewish teenagers from around the world come together for one cause is one of the most impactful experiences I could have ever imagined.

Each group and each region had something unique to offer. Whether it was a new tune for a song, a different way to lead services, or a fascinating story, these kids were able to share this incredible week together. There are no Rabbis present, no Cantors, no Presidents of the congregation. I found it incredible that all of the services and activities are run solely by the kids. Seeing all of the excitement, the ruach, and the passion that these kids had, the future of the Jewish people is in good hands.

I want to thank everyone at Temple Israel for everything they have done and everything they will continue to do for the youth department. The smiling faces of our children are truly what keep me excited to come to temple every week!

I hope all of you have a happy and healthy New Year and thank you again for making Temple Israel such a special place. See you all around the temple.

Best,
Michael Weiss

Harriett's Park Dedication - December 16th 2012

Our Religious School children singing "One Day"

Hanging around...

Rabbi Neely cuts the ribbon.

Welcome to our beautiful new park.

Hanging out with friends...

Fabienne and her fence friends.

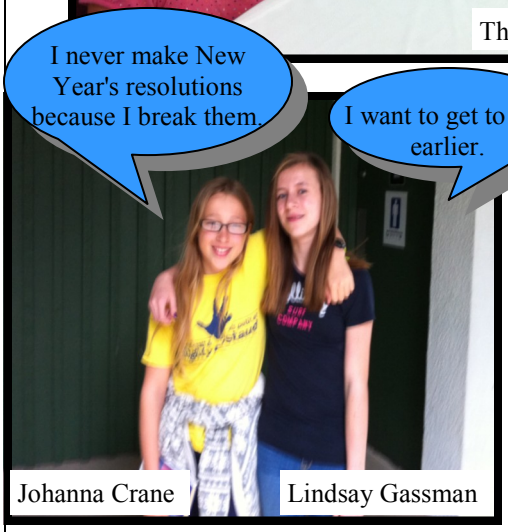
Taking a bow after their original play.

Sliding…

Hard at play… Thanks Harriett!

Paving the Way for the Future—Painting Tiles for Harriett's Park

The Roving Reporter asks . . .
"Do you have a New Year's resolution?"



Operation Gratitude is an organization that sends care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions, to their children left behind and to Wounded Warriors, Veterans and First Responders.

There are many ways to help our active or retired soldiers. One way is collecting old cell phones. GRC Wireless Recycling will contribute up to $30 to Operation Gratitude for each donated phone. Another way is writing letters. Letters can be written to currently deployed service members and wounded warriors and to veterans of previous conflicts. One more way is to knit scarves or make 'cool ties' to add to the care packages.

All these projects are happening at Temple Israel. Drop off your unwanted cell phone to the TI office. Specific details on letter-writing may be found on the Operation Gratitude website or contact Max Ihns. Instructions for knitting scarves and making cool ties are also on the website, or contact Max's mom, Barbara Ihns.

You can make a difference trying one or more of these actions.

Questions? Call, text or e-mail Max Ihns at (407) 327-1890 or maxihns@yahoo.com.

Operation Gratitude is at www.operationgratitude.com and you can like them on Facebook.

Temple Israel Sisterhood - Welcome Home!

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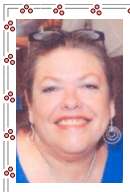


COME ONE, COME ALL!!

On January 12, 2013, the Rabbi will be sitting with the congregation for a change. Why, you ask? It's **Sisterhood Shabbat**, our annual Sabbath celebration. Women will be leading, reading and doing the entire service and sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon.

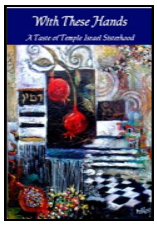
If you are called upon to have a part or reading, please really consider saying yes!! You'll get more information as the time grows closer.

Valerie Kahn
Sisterhood President

Brunch Meeting with Bill Kahn

Topic: Identifying and Avoiding Frauds and Scams
When: January 13th at 9:30 am
Where: Temple Israel Roth Social Hall

Worried about being taken for a ride? Not sure how to distinguish between legitimate offers and fraudulent ones? Then come to Temple Israel the morning of January 13th to hear Bill Kahn give his expert opinion on how to identify and avoid frauds and scams.



WITH THESE HANDS-A TASTE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
$30.00 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling

If you would like to have a copy of our sisterhood cookbook, please let us know!

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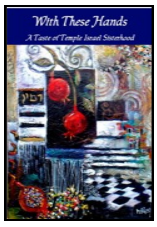

Proceeds will benefit the charitable projects supported by Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Open by Appointment

Contact Mollie Savage at 407-260-1411 or craftycats77@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, February 7th
at the home of Edie Fenster

Book: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

RSVP to Mollie at (407) 260-1411

From Our Men's Club President:

By Larry Silver

Gentlemen,

Hi. Let me take a moment now to wish you all the very best for a Healthy -Happy - Pleasant New Year. On behalf of our Men's Club, its officers and its members, we want to take this time to wish our Temple Israel Synagogue Officers and Trustees the very best for only good things with Mazel in leading our congregants in the coming year. I am sure that Men's Club and Sisterhood will be there on short notice to support the growth and strength of our synagogue any way you need us to perform.

I conveyed in my introductory message in last month's bulletin that I needed a treasurer to fill out the slate of officers for Men's Club. The person has come forward, but I do not want to divulge his name in an official capacity until our meeting which took place on December 16th. I want to tell him Todah Rabbah. It's acknowledged and appreciated.

I want to now convey part of the new programs that begin in January, 2013. The beginning date for our membership program is March 3, 2013. It is called THE LATEST IN SOCIAL MEDIA/NETWORKING. This program is being chaired by Larry Gutter, a computer professional. In addition, I have asked for representation from Microsoft and Apple to lead the respective groups as to what is the current buzz with table top and portable computers and to answer any questions or problems that you may have with your computer. We even have a Google representative coming who will be asked to support this program with his participation in helping out any of our family members with his knowledge of computers.

The program is open to any congregant or non-affiliated who would like to join our Temple Israel Men's Club. Admission to program will be $ 15.00/family. Admission is free to any new members and renewal members signing a membership application on the day of the program. Wives or female friends are encouraged to attend with their teenage children. It's intended to help out families getting to know their computer better. We would appreciate it if each member would bring a friend to join Men's Club. It's part of a networking effort to meet and bond with new people where we have not been introduced

The next program on February 3rd, 2013 is a doubleheader. They're two completely different programs. One is a continuation of a great program with some new twists. The date happens to fall on Super Bowl Sunday and coincides with World Wide Wrap. It gives you time to make plans with friends and allows the men some afternoon time to have some fun among themselves, but at the same time supporting the synagogue Men's Club to have a successful fund raiser for the 2013 year.

Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks about the Super Bowl Stag Party fundraiser. Read on to get the skinny for the World Wide Wrap!

Larry Silver

World Wide Wrap

Sunday - February 3, 2013

World Wide Wrap - Tefillin Introduction

Temple Israel Men's Club and Sisterhood are pleased to join together as one unit in sponsoring this program to its members and congregants at no charge. Participation will include young adults. Instructions will be provided on the wearing of tefillin in small groups on a one to one basis. The morning service will be led by Rabbi Joshua Neely with supporting help from the participants. It will take place in the Savage Family Chapel and refreshments will be served prior to service. The program is being chaired by Steven Berg and Joe Ihns and a Sisterhood member that has not been divulged at this time. Time noted for coffee-tea-milk-bagels-cream cheese and donuts is 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Services and Instructions will begin at 9:15 am to 10:45 am. Bring a friend. It's a great experience and very enlightening. Additional details will be provided in next months bulletin.

HELP NEEDED:
Need of extra tefillin whether it be left handed or right handed. Please contact the synagogue office or the officers of Men's Club if you need help to pick-up and return. Make sure that you have the bag which holds the tefillin identified with your name and phone number. I want to make especially sure that our young adults can have the opportunity of seeing what they look like with tefillin on, and the importance of what they are wearing. It's great when you see them smile. It's a winner and a mitzvah. Take advantage of it.

The second point is having enough group leaders, either men or women to help make this program the success we all want it to be. Call Larry (that's me) on his cell at 407 448-4500 in order to advise the tribunal chairmen we have enough leaders.

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Payment: Cash - Check - Credit Card: Visa/Master Card/American Express

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We thank you for your support. Enjoy the year through your presence and participation. Networking and Bonding make for a Healthy and Pleasant Year.

Sincerely,

Temple Israel Men's Club

*Simply print (if you have a digital copy) or cut out and send in to the office.

Tu B'Shevat

The Temple Israel Meitin Religious School in celebration of Tu B'Shevat will be creating a "Community Tree." There are many steps to creating this tree:

- First we will actually create the tree using recycled materials.
- Second we will be gathering information from the congregation about our ancestry.

Please bring in your old newspapers and clean empty plastic bottles, for use as leaves for the tree. We will accept them up until Wednesday January 9th, 2013.

Please also send to our Education Director, Debra Kira, the names of cities and countries your family has lived in the last 100—150 years. Along with the locations please include approximate dates (so we can understand the sequence of events) and your name (so we know which families came from where). We will be tracking this information on our recycled tree.

You can email this information to Debra at educator@tiflorida.org.

See what a difference a day makes

Havdalah Services

March 9 - 7:30 pm

Start the new week with your friends at Temple Israel.

Ma'asim Tovim - Birthday Party

Monthly Birthday Party at the Boys & Girls Club in Altamonte Springs. For info or to participate, call Arlene van de Rijn

Do you want to do something sweet for your synagogue?
Purchase 2 Costco cakes for one of our Boys and Girls Clubs Birthday Parties!!!!
Only $36
Make check payable to Temple Israel with a memo that says Ma'asim Tovim.
THANK YOU!!!

Did You Know?

Rabbi Neely teaches every week in all of our religious school classes!

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Save The Dates!

Kabbalat Shabbat

Featuring

Meitin Religious School Students

February 15, 2013
March 15, 2013
April 26, 2013
May 10, 2013

6:30 pm
Family Shabbat Dinner
7:00 pm
Meet and Greet
7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat
8:00 pm
Refreshments

JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAH

Justin Lampel
son of Annette & David Lampel
January 18 - 19, 2013
8 Shevat 5773

Matthew Gottfried
son of Marci & Richard Gottfried
January 25 - 26, 2013
15 Shevat 5773

The Adult Education Committee Presents:

Paula Tobenfeld

On Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 10:30am, in the Roth Social Hall at Temple Israel, Paula Tobenfeld will speak about "**Choosing a National Flower for the State of Israel**". The audio-visual presentation, which will explore texts from Torah, Mishnah and Talmud, will also include a special "food sampling".

Ms. Tobenfeld spent 5 years studying with Nogah Hareuveni, z"l, founder of Neot Kedumim, The Biblical Landscape Reserve of Israel. She is the immediate past President of American Friends of Neot Kedumim. A Jewish educator of both adults and children, she has lectured around the US on a variety of topics under the umbrella of the "Biblical Botanical Detectives" series, which seeks to connect the flora and landscapes of Israel with our sacred Biblical texts.

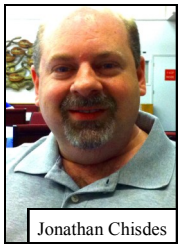
In addition to Ms. Tobenfeld's presentation, there will be samples of Biblical plants that can be ordered for purchase and planting to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. These will include olive, fig, grape and pomegranate saplings. All proceeds will be used to benefit Temple Israel Adult Education programs. Light refreshments will be served following the talk.

A Serious Man

On Sunday, January 27 at 2pm in the Roth Social Hall, the Adult Education Committee will present the 2009 film "A Serious Man," directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.

Inspired by the *Book of Job* and set during the 1960s, this movie tells the story of Larry Gopnik who, after a series of personal misfortunes, reaches a crisis of faith. Seeking the help of several rabbis, he struggles to understand God's plan for him.

For a full review of the film by congregant Jonathan Chisdes, please visit: http://www.chizfilm.net/seriousman.html.


Jonathan Chisdes

SUNDAY MORNING ROUND TABLE

Please join us for the "SUNDAY MORNING ROUND TABLE," where open discussion is encouraged and no topic is off limits. This is your opportunity to express your opinions and ideas on such topics as:

- Religion in the Schools
- The Islamization of America
- The Israeli-Palestinian dilemma (first define Palestinian)
- How do Jews reconcile Jewish philosophy to politics
- … and more.

Sunday mornings in the Temple Israel Roth Social Hall at 9:30 AM (provided no other program is scheduled) until whenever we stop talking or are asked to leave.

Pet Corner

Do you know who we are?

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(Answer on page 16)

Submit a photo of your favorite pet to John-Patrick in the office for placement in a future bulletin.

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We have copies of the Sunday movies, in case you missed them, *as well as many others, including Sarah's Key*, *The Frisco Kid*, *Keeping the Faith*, *Bugsy Malone*, *Ushpizin*, *The Devil's Arithmetic*, *Defiance*, *Esther*, *Exodus*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Gentleman's Agreement*, *Image before my Eyes*, *Munich*, *Persepolis*, *Schindler's List*, and *Yentl*, …just to name a few….

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TEMPLE ISRAEL LIBRARY NEWS

Petsonk, Judy. *Queen of the Jews.* Highland Park, N.J.: Blair Books, 2012.

"**Judy Petsonk tells the story of how she was walking in Jerusalem** one day many years ago when she happened upon a street sign, somewhere between King Solomon and King David streets that said: Queen Shalom-Zion Street. She was intrigued. Was there really ever a Jewish queen? And if so, how come she had never heard of her?

That street sign started her off on a search to learn more about this woman who served as the regent over Judea a generation before its destruction at the hands of the Romans. She found that there was not much information available about her: just the brief account in Josephus, who is not always accurate in the stories that he tells, and the stories in the Talmud about her husband Yannai and her brother Shimon ben Shetach. And so, using her imagination she has written this fascinating novel that strives to bring this nearly forgotten woman back to life.

It is an exciting story that she tells, even if we have no way of knowing which parts of it are historically accurate. She imagines Shalom-Zion Alexandra as married to a brute, an alcoholic, and a king always hungry for war. And she pictures her as being caught between the values that she and her brother, the head of the Sanhedrin, were taught in their home and the lack of values of her power-hungry husband. She describes her as working behind her husband's back to care for the poor and the needy and to mitigate his cruelty.

The book is more than an attempt to recapture ancient history. It is a tale that has implications for all women, who now live in a world where they can hold power and need not be subservient to men. And it has implications for all of us who live in a world in which uncontrolled despots seek to acquire more and more, and to crush opposition to their rule by any and every means they can.

We celebrate the victory of the Maccabees every year at Chanukah, and rightly so. The Jewish people and the world would be very different if not for their triumph, but this book reminds us that every solution leads to new problems. The triumph of the Maccabees in the second century BCE led to the cruel years when their grandchildren ruled the land in the first century BCE and brought about inner corruption and eventual conquest by the Romans. Judy Petsonk has made this period come alive again in this fascinating novel. To read it is to be reminded of how precarious all states are, and how liable to perversion all monarchs are". (*Rabbi Jack Riemer*).

November 2012 Donations

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In Memory Of	Donor
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For volunteering in the office during the month of December.

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Pet Corner Answer from page 14

Sharon Pinhas' Double Trouble Doggies!

SumSum & Puma!

SumSum is small & Puma is big.

Birthdays

January

1	Sandy Gillman	13	Larry Gutter
1	Bijan Ravinoff	14	Holly Kluger
1	Mckenna Sachs	14	Gregory Newton
2	Julie Adelman	15	Anita Steele
2	Brenda Goldberg	17	Louis Feinberg
3	Larry Feldman	17	Shirley Gold
4	Barbara Ihns	18	Dana Morrell
4	Mark Lang	19	Johanna Crane
4	Miriam Stern	20	Hunter Masin
6	Ellisa Sanes	22	Richard Crane
6	Daniel Wise	23	Daniel Green
7	Michele Allison	24	Meyer Lichenstein
7	David Lampel	24	Lena Sami
10	Daniel Cohen	24	Charlotte Schwartz
10	Steven Kimelman	26	Daniel Kramer
11	Frederick Cohen	28	Miriam B. Cohen
11	Marsha Cohen	29	Julie Gottfried
11	Barry Schreiber	29	Matthew Gottfried
12	Nancy Katz	30	Helen Leiberman
13	Robert Glasser	31	Justin Langman

We hope to see you at Simcha Shabbat Friday, January 11, 7:30 pm

Anniversaries, Birthdays, and all other simchas, will be recognized, and you will be blessed from the pulpit.

January

1 Robert & Joanne Goetz
2 Ira & Marion Daitzman
5 Enrique & Sharon Sernik
19 Joseph & Sarabecca Rosier
21 David & Jen Farb

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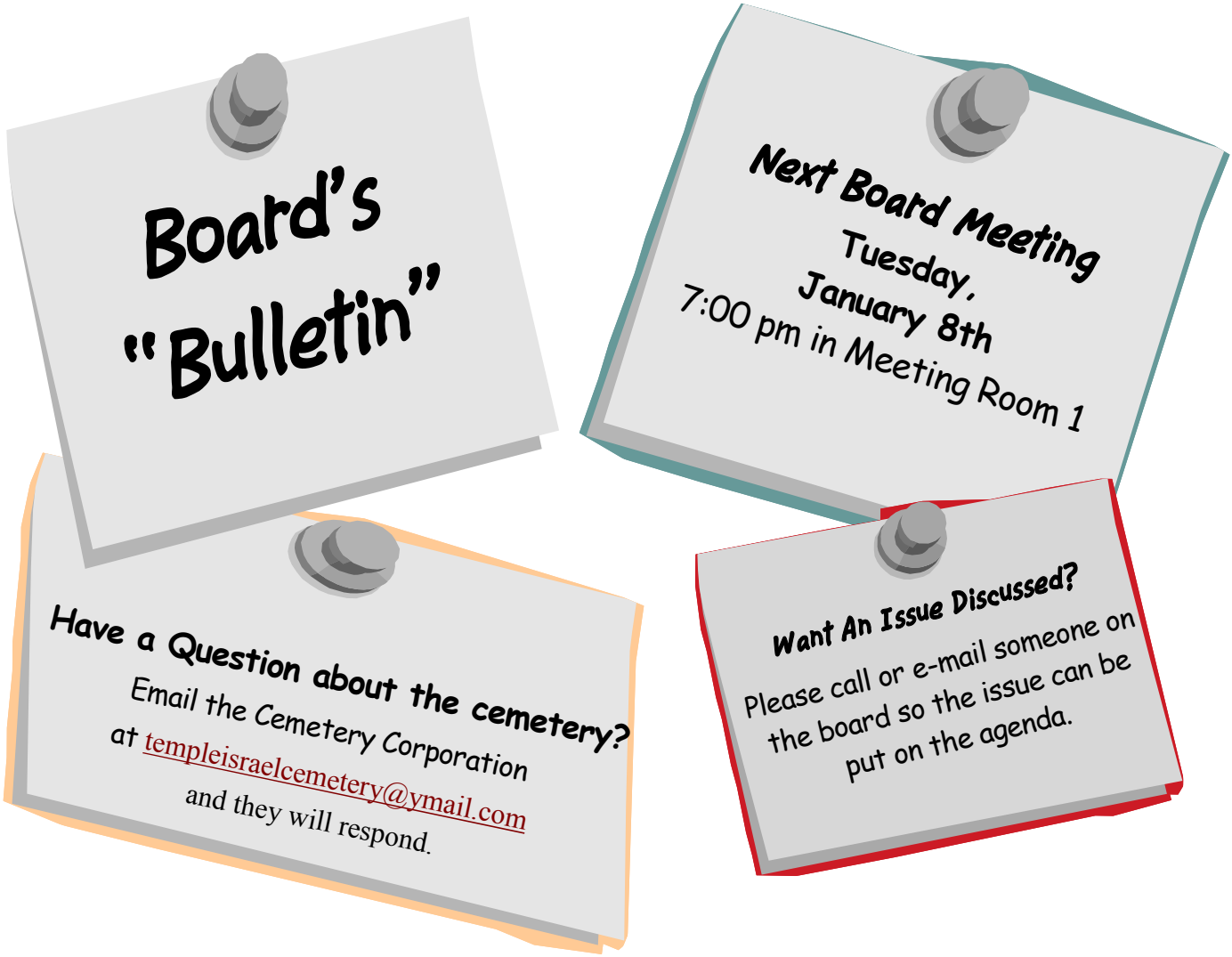

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 • New Year's Day • Office Closed	2 • No Religious School • 7:00 pm : Adult Education Committee Meeting	3 • 7:00 pm : Executive Committee Meeting	4 • 7:00 pm : Meet & Greet • 7:30 pm : Shabbat Services	5 • 9:30 am : Shabbat Services • 11:00 am : Junior Congregation • 12:30 pm : Judaism in a Nutshell
6 • 9:30 am : Morning Service • 11:00 am -12:00 pm :Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class • 11:30 am : Marketing Committee Meeting	7	8 • 7:00 pm : Board of Directors Meeting	9 • 4:00 pm -6:30 pm :Religious School	10	11 • 7:00 pm : Meet & Greet • 7:30 pm : Shabbat Services	12 • 9:30 am : Shabbat Services • 9:30 am : Sisterhood Shabbat! • 11:00 am : Junior Congregation
13 • 9:00 am -11:00 am :Religious School • 9:30 am : Cemetery Meeting • 9:30 am : Brunch Meeting with Bill Kahn • 9:30 am : Morning Service • 11:00 am -12:00 pm :Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	14	15	16 • 4:00 pm -6:30 pm :Religious School	17	18 • Justin Lampel Bar Mitzvah • 7:00 pm : Meet & Greet • 7:30 pm : Shabbat Services	19 • Justin Lampel Bar Mitzvah • 9:30 am : Shabbat Services • 11:00 am : Junior Congregation
20 • No Religious School • 9:30 am : Morning Service • 11:00 am -12:00 pm :Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	21 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23 • 4:00 pm -6:30 pm :Religious School	24	25 • Matthew Gottfried Bar Mitzvah • 7:00 pm : Meet & Greet • 7:30 pm : Religious School Shabbat Services	26 • Matthew Gottfried Bar Mitzvah • Tu B' Shevat • 9:30 am : Shabbat Services • 11:00 am : Junior Congregation
27 • 9:00 am -11:00 am :Religious School • 9:30 am : Morning Service • 11:00 am -12:00 pm :Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	28	29	30 • 4:00 pm -6:30 pm :Religious School	31 • 7:00 pm : Executive Committee Meeting		

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