

THE TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS

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Join Us for the Upcoming Holidays!

Sukkot

Five days after Yom Kippur, Jews celebrate the bounty of the new year. As the harvest comes to a close, we build a small open air hut (sukkah) in our backyards and revel in the outdoor elements one last time before the winter. A sukkah gives shade from the sun, but light must come through its thatched roof. Families typically take their meals in the sukkah. We wave a bouquet of branches including the palm, myrtle, and willow and hold an etrog (citron) in our left hand in praise of God. The lulav and etrog are also used as ritual beseeching God for good rains during the winter season in erez yisrael.

Simchat-Torah

The coda of Tishri is Simchat Torah. Originally scheduled as the final day of Tishri celebration, with the recurring theme of the days of judgment on Hoshana Rabba (the day before) and a special eighth day of assembly to conclude Sukkot, Simchat Torah has come into its own as the celebration of the reading of the Torah. The following Shabbat we start from the beginning of the Torah, the book of Bereshit, Genesis. On Simchat Torah, we have a ceremonial reading of the last verses of the Torah from the book of Devarim, Deuteronomy. We dance with the Torah, wave flags, and eat sweets for a sweet new year.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sukkot

SUNDAY, October 3 - Sukkah Party at the Marons 6:00 PM

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

October 7th

10:00 AM Yizkor Services

6:00 Simhat Torah Services (with flags and dancing)

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November 6	Shabbaton
November 21	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
December 4	Shabbaton
January 8	Shabbaton
February 5	Shabbaton
March 5	Shabbaton
March 24	Purim
April 2	Shabbaton
April 8	Passover Family Program
May 4	Yom Hashoah
May 7	Shabbaton
June 4	Shabbaton
June 12	Shavuot Family Program
July 2	Shabbaton
August 6	Shabbaton

Upcoming Family Programs at Temple Israel!

October 3rd – “Coming to America” - Voyage on the Quinnetucket River – Did you know that 23 Jews first settled in New Amsterdam in 1654? Did you also know that 11 of them were children? Come join us on a simulated voyage of the Quinnetucket on a river boat posing as the first Jewish settlers and meet pirates, friendly and unfriendly Dutch settlers as we embark for “New Amsterdam.”

That’s Sunday, October 3rd 10:30AM-1:00 PM (Limited places available)

Meet at Temple Israel in Greenfield

Call the Rabbi to register

November 21-“Make Your Own Menorah”

Meet a local artisan and learn how to make

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your own Menorah to use at home. Learn with your children about the traditions of Hanukkah and help plan Temple Israel's Hanukkah party. That's Sunday, November 21st 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM--Meet at Temple Israel

February 5th – Havdalah Pajama Party

Come in your pajamas after Shabbat and bring your teddie bears! We will learn about bedtime rituals and create a special pillowcase to use at home. That's Saturday, February 5th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Meet at Temple Israel

March 24th – Purim Carnival

All families are invited to come in costume and will have an opportunity to make graggers, masks and the ever-popular Hamantaschen. After a parade, we will act out the Purim story, sing songs, eat, and listen to the Megillah. Boo Haman!

April 3rd - Bus Trip to NYC with Temple Israel of Greenfield

We will travel to New York, the oldest Jewish settlement in America. We will visit everything from historic synagogue to kosher delis. That's Sunday, April 3rd - All Day

TBA- Jewish Holiday Kitchen

Come bake special Shabbat and Holiday treats with your children and learn new ways to share memories.

<p>For more information, please call Temple Israel in Athol at 978-249-9481 or contact Dr. Myron Maron, President, at 978-724-0238 .</p>
