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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Why are there so many movies about time travel? The question came to me as I was watching "Back to the Future" the other night on T.V. Like many of these Hollywood stories about time travel, the principal character travels back to "correct" something in the past to change life in the present. It is a fantasy that many of us have. The truth is that time travel is simpler than we think and you don't even need a souped-up DeLorean to do it. I had the opportunity three times this past month to "travel back in time" in reuniting with family and friends. I attended a family bar mitzvah, a wedding of a high school friend, and I also traveled to Israel. Reunions are a real mind trip. In meeting people from high school, I found myself instantly transported; I was 16 all over again. I found myself remembering stories, jokes, nicknames and experiences that haven't surfaced in my head in over 20 years. Of course, the greatest "time travel" reunion was being back in the Land of Israel. There is something about being in that land that awakens one's soul. Everything was so familiar. There was never a sense of being lost -- even as I walked the narrow alleys in Jerusalem.

Speaking of reunions, we here at Temple Israel are preparing a homecoming of our own, June 27-29. There is a lot of history in the building. I see it on the bookshelves, in the classrooms, on the yartzheit plaques and in the pews. I know that many members have moved away and are sorely missed. I hear people talk about them over lunch. I hear stories about the book club and the festive times and the Hebrew school. So next weekend, we want you to reunite with old friends. Many people have returned from Florida or are tidying their homes on the Cape. Temple Israel is calling you home, not only for the annual meeting

(June 29th) but also for Shabbat services (June 27-28). I would love to connect with you, have you meet my family, and share in the joy of Shabbat at Temple Israel. It has been a truly unique experience this past year. I am looking forward to sharing it with more of you.

Shalom,

Jon Perlman



TEMPLE ISRAEL SCHEDULES SPECIAL REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 27, 28, AND 29

As a way of recognizing our long-time Temple Israel members, welcoming them back after another New England winter, and introducing them to some of our newer members, we have named the upcoming Shabbaton our "Temple Israel Reunion Weekend." Please join us for any of the many religious and social events that will be happening over these three days. The entire schedule is printed on the next page. There have been so many changes of late, but the warmth and spirituality of Temple Israel still radiates both from the bimah and from the congregation. If you need a ride—from either nearby or from far away-- please call Co-Presidents Mitch Grosky

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(978-249-9090) or Dr. Myron Maron (978-724-0238). We will be very happy to arrange for a ride for you—even if you are coming from a town that is quite a distance away. Why? Because you are very important to us! The caring and the love that we feel for our Temple Israel family only grows stronger when we are separated. After all, what are a few miles between family and friends? Give us a chance. Join us for either the full weekend, or—at least—for a portion of it! Check out the schedule below, and join us!

SPECIAL REUNION WEEKEND SHABBATON SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 27 AND 28

Shabbaton Sivan: Mindfulness and the
Spirit of Judaism

FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 PM Our Monthly Potluck Dinner

7:00 PM Friday night Services

Sermon Topic: “Pay Attention! Shabbat as a Strategy for Mindfulness”

SATURDAY

10:00 PM Saturday morning Services and the Reading of the Torah

Torah Discussion: “Seeing is NOT Believing”

12:00 PM Cholent Lunch--Current Events Discussion: “Israel and the Media: A picture is worth a thousand words”

7:45 PM Mindful Meditation with Myron
(NOTE NEW TIME)

8:30 PM Poetry Study: “Do you have to be religious to be mindful?” to be followed

immediately by Ma’ariv/Havdalah at approximately 9:10 PM.

**OUR SPECIAL REUNION WEEKEND
CONTINUES ON SUNDAY WITH A
GREAT TEMPLE BRUNCH
AND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!**

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 AM Brunch! Join us for Lox, Bagels, Coffee, and Mitch’s “Famous” Scrambled Eggs (Served “your way” with cheese or without cheese)

11:00 AM Annual Meeting (See article for agenda and proposal for bylaw change)



CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH TEMPLE ISRAEL!

The next of our very special opportunities to enjoy Shabbat as a community comes on the evening of Friday, June 27 and on Saturday, June 28. On Friday evening, we will have a “dairy-vegetarian” potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by a Shabbat service at 7:00 and an Oneg (Try some great desserts and warm conversation!) after the service at 8:00. Please give a call to Dr. Myron Maron, Dinner Coordinator, at 978-724-0238 to give us an idea of what you plan to bring for the potluck dinner.

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Then, on Saturday morning, our Shabbat service will be from 10:00 to 12:00 with a special lunch at noon.

NOTE: Child care for the little ones will be available from 9:15 through lunchtime.

The afternoon will be filled with learning and fellowship. You may join us in singing or learning some traditional Shabbat songs, if you like. Our Shabbat evening begins with a chance to meditate with Dr. Maron at 7:45 PM prior to our poetry study which begins at 8:30 PM. These two events—mediation and poetry study have a beauty and an intellectual/spiritual component all their own. Please, give them a try! We will conclude with a lovely Ma'ariv/Havdalah service, beginning at approximately 9:10 P.M. Please accept our warm invitation to attend any or all of the components of this wonderful Shabbat.

NOTE: OUR AUGUST SHABBATON IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1-2. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 29

This month's annual meeting is a very important one. Please make every effort to attend. In order to have a quorum, we need at least 25 paid members. So, bring your spouses, and please—if you haven't paid your dues, please do so by the annual meeting. We want you to count in our quorum, and we want you to be able to vote on the important matters to be placed in front of you. Most of all, we want you to join our Temple Israel family as a member of our synagogue.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
2. Co-Presidents' Reports (Review of Past Year, Summer Schedule, Hopes for the Future)
3. Rabbi's Report
4. Building Committee Report
5. Finance Report
6. Flagship Bank Investments
7. Rabbi Renewal
8. Bylaw Change (See Bylaw Article for Details)
9. Nomination Subcommittee Report and Elections

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BYLAWS

Current Text: Article IV, Section 5 – Voting Requirements:

Each adult member shall have one vote in all matters coming to vote before the Association membership, subject to the following limitations: Each single membership unit shall be entitled to one vote. Each family membership unit shall be entitled to two votes. *The presence in person of 25 voting members shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings.* The vote of a majority of members present shall be binding upon all members for all purposes except where in these By-laws, or by law, a higher percentage vote is required.

Proposed Change:

Replace bolded, italicized sentence above with the following sentence:

The presence in person of 30 percent of the paid voting membership shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings.

Please See the following page for the entire text of the proposed change to Article IV, Section 5 – Voting Requirements. . . .

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PROPOSED NOMINATION SLATE

Board of Directors

3 Years (Ending in 2006)

Mark Dembek
Ray Haber
Mitch Grosky (Co-President)
Myron Maron (Co-President)

2 Years (Ending in 2005)

Tom Freudenheim
Nansi Glick (Recording Sec./Clerk)
Emily Koester (Corresp. Secretary)

1 Year (Ending in 2004)

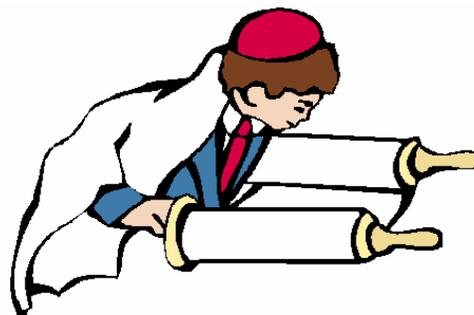
Suri Maron
Jeff Plotkin (Past President)
Nate Steinberg

OTHER (Non-board Position)

David Koester :CFO-Chief Financial Officer

JAKE DAVIS BAR MITZVAH APPROACHING!

On Saturday, August 23 at 9:30 AM, the Davis family and our community will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Jake Davis. All are welcome. Kiddush will follow the ceremony.



For more information about any of the items in this newsletter, please call Temple Israel in Athol at 978-249-9481 or contact Co-presidents Dr. Myron Maron at 978-724-0238 or Mitchell Grosky at 978-249-9090.

SPECIAL PHOTO GALLERY

As we move into summer and get ready for our annual meeting, we begin to look back on an extraordinary year. Most of us have special memories locked away in our minds and hearts. But for those who would appreciate something a little more concrete, we have included a few photographs (Sorry, low resolution only!) of some of our activities and those who participated in them. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the photographs, please just see Mitch, and I will get a high resolution photo to you just as soon as possible.

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Temple Israel's Sanctuary



SCENES FROM PURIM



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SCENES FROM YOM HASHOAH



Mr. Bill LaRose in His
Holocaust Play



Mrs. Kathleen Goudie
Receives Award



Rabbi Perlman Lights Candles Honoring
Holocaust Victims and Those Who Helped



Yosl sings at Yom HaShoah Service

**Help us to build
more memories
during the upcoming year!**