

March Events

Temple Beth Israel has a showcase of events going on! We are exciting to announce the following events:

Temple Purim Celebration - March 5th @ 12:00 PM

Young Family Meet-up at Society Garden March 29th @ 05:00 PM

Lunch with Rabbi Bahar Macon - Bonefish Grill - March 15th @ 11:30 AM

Board Meeting/Congregational Meeting - March 19th @ 1:00 PM



Monthly Message From Rabbi Bahar

Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



When we read the Book of Esther, I am always struck that it is not clear what Esther's name was. This is a question that troubled the rabbis even though an entire book has the name Esther.

Specifically, we read: "And Mordechai raised Hadassah—that is, Esther—his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother." (Esther 2:7). Within ancient Hebrew texts are usually a few good wordplays and Esther's name was one of them. Her Hebrew name was Hadassah, whereas her Persian name was Esther. Some scholars believe the name Esther may be related to the Old Persian word "stara" or star. Other scholars indicate it may be related to the Babylonian goddess of love – Ishtar. The rabbis of the Talmud understood the hidden nature of her name as an act of concealing identity, to be a key descriptor of Esther's actions – one of self-preservation along with the preservation of her people.

The scroll of Esther is both full of revealing and concealing items as is the holiday of Purim itself. Purim is about trying on different names, costumes and exploring who we are. Jews wear masks etched in pain, suffering, joy, and elation. They engage in a dichotomy of mitzvahs – of celebration, drinking and frivolity and oppositely of the mitzvah of tzedakah and giving to the poor.

The Ba'al Shem Tov emphasized the manner of engaging in tzedakah for Purim – one does not know whom they give to, and the receiver is unaware of the giver.

Thus no one is embarrassed or appears needy. In a way this holiday is about concealing who we are or trying on different names to highlight different parts of who we are.

Sometimes it is important to think about the names we wear as descriptors of who we are. They share to the world through our actions what we are prepared to reveal and conceal. There is a rabbinic teaching: Whenever a person increases their mitzvot, they earn themselves a good name. This is taught by a midrash (Tanhuma, Vayakhel 1) which tells us that a person has three names: one given by parents; another given by other people; and the third earned by one's own actions.

Purim invites us to think about our names and try them on through various ways of living. We can dress up, play, laugh, eat, and celebrate. Or we can think about what lies beneath the story that fails to mention God. We can mediate on what is underneath the celebrations, so as to glimpse at the force in the universe helping us move beyond who we presently are and unable us to become who we aspire to be. Or we can perform great deeds of goodness. We can focus on giving of who we are for the benefit of others.

All those actions reveal to others our names. May the names we wear be worthy of our deeds and are deeds worthy of our names.

"WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS, THEY BECOME WORDS; WATCH YOUR WORDS, THEY BECOME ACTIONS; WATCH YOUR ACTIONS, THEY BECOME HABITS; WATCH YOUR HABITS, THEY BECOME CHARACTER; WATCH YOUR CHARACTER, FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY." – FRANK OUTLAW



March Yahrzeits

March 3 (February 25 – March 3)

Irving Purcel - 2/25/2002
 Joseph N Kalish - 2/26/1974
 Tess Wilner Bashuk - 2/27/1992
 Sol Fried - 2/28/1931
 Paul Kuhr - 3/1/1962
 Mose Michael - 3/2/1978
 Dr Marianne Pattan - 3/3/2004
 Marian Waxelbaum Kaufman - 3/3/2010

March 10 (March 4 – March 10)

Simon Josephson - 3/4/1902
 Stanley Wallenstein - 3/4/1974
 William Wolff - 3/5/1910
 Joseph W. Popper Sr. - 3/5/1971
 Reva Powell - 3/5/1971
 Eileen Markowitz - 3/5/2007
 Dr. Edgar Wayburn - 3/5/2010
 Michel Bloch - 3/9/1939
 Leopold J. Blum - 3/9/1976
 Lillian Lavine - 3/9/1974
 Henry J. Harris - 3/10/1941
 Debra Bloch Wallenstein - 3/10/1959
 Rachel Rudes - 3/10/1988
 Julius Efron - 3/10/2001

March 17 (March 11 – March 17)

David Mose Kessler - 3/12/1901
 Edward Bashuk - 3/12/1969
 Gladys A. Fried - 3/12/1987
 Lillian Klein Brown - 3/14/1966
 Edith Lease Nathan - 3/14/1976
 Annie S. Goldgar - 3/14/1978
 Jennifer Leeds Yandall - 3/15/2002
 Jack Dayan - 3/15/2017
 Lillian Vendig-Bandyk - 3/16/2017
 Nathaniel Rudes - 3/17/1987
 Marvin Jerome Becker - 3/17/2015
 Palmyre Sommer Fried - 3/17/1936

March 24 (March 18–March 24)

David Coolik - 3/18/1957
 George Newman - 3/18/2017
 Beatrice (Bea) Mink - 3/19/2013
 Johnny Altman - 3/20/1966
 Dorothy Dayan Jampole - 3/20/1967
 Dana Koplin - 3/20/2008
 Joseph Wood - 3/20/2011
 Jeremy Ramone Strain - 3/21/2014
 Ida Boniske Roobin - 3/23/1950
 Helen Reese - 3/23/2004
 Milton R. Fried - 3/24/1958
 Esther S. Kaplan - 3/24/1972
 Morton Gutnick - 3/24/1985
 Edith C. Kriesman - 3/24/1994
 Genevieve Kaplan - 3/24/1999

March 31 (March 25 – March 31)

Simon Mony Kaufman - 3/26/1949
 Hilda Goldstein - 3/26/2010
 Richard Nadler - 3/27/2017
 Leon Fried - 3/28/1947
 Max Wood - 3/28/2004
 David M. Kalish Sr. - 3/29/1976
 Richard Wint - 3/29/1977
 Louise Wright - 3/29/2010
 Sam Denham - 3/29/2021
 Leonard Philip Kaplan - 3/30/2000
 Fanny Waxelbaum Moscowitz - 3/31/1968



March Birthdays

Muriel Nathan - March 4
 Phoebe Hilton - March 6
 Bill Webster - March 11
 Matthew Garrett - March 20
 Mike Salis - March 23
 Lauren Holt - March 24
 Bernae Mink - March 29
 Harvey Zion - March 30



March Anniversaries

Mike & Lana Salis - March 4
 Mike & Carol Bashuk - March 5
 Walter & Aggie Dannenberg - March 8

sisterhood

THE THREAD COLLECTORS
 BY SHAUNNA J. EDWARDS & ALYSON RICHMAN

SISTERHOOD The Thread Collectors
 Sunday | 1 PM
 March 26
 Temple Beth Israel

BOOK CLUB

Join us in person or on Zoom!

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TBI Outreach

Request for two Macon Outreach volunteers from TBI to serve a cafeteria-style lunch with two CSI volunteers to those in need at Mulberry Methodist from 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon on the third Thursday of each month: Jan. 19th 2023, Feb. 16th, March 16th, April 20th and May 18th.
 If you can volunteer or have any questions for any of the 2022-2023 dates please **contact Marlene Humphry, TBI Social Action Chair, at mhumphry@cox.net.**

FEBRUARY

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MARCH 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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5 Temple Purim Celebration
12:00PM

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Board Meeting
1 PM

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Sisterhood Book Club 1 PM

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Kiddush Club
5:15PM
6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

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