

# Temple Times

*Keeping the Temple Emmanuel Community in Touch*

## FROM THE RABBI

Every Ending is a New Beginning

In mid-September, Rabbi David Teutsch offered a meaningful installation speech where he used the metaphor of a marriage to describe the Rabbi-Congregation relationship. For three years, Temple Emmanuel was “dating” lots of potential connections. And last Spring, I traveled around the country visiting several congregations looking for my “match.” When we found each other and I signed the contract, that was like our engagement, and the installation was our marriage – and what a beautiful ceremony it was! In that moment, our searching ended and we started to begin a new life together.



In early October, at Erev Rosh Hashanah, we ended 5776 and started the new year of 5777 together. It was such a pleasure to see you at the High Holiday celebrations. Our Chazzan, Jon Tepper, led us with his outstanding voice and strong command of the prayers. While I was offering my teachings and giving you a chance to get to know me, I also learned about the Temple Emmanuel community and what kinds of things work well during holiday services.

Finally, in mid-October, we concluded the “Yareach Eitanim,” the Moon of the Mighty Ones, as we danced and paraded the Torahs on Simchat Torah. On that holiday, we read the final Torah portion in Deuteronomy where Moses died, immediately followed by the opening verses in Genesis, the story

Look inside for all kinds of Temple info!

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

So I need a BIG favor.

At the last board meeting, we went through all of the committees and it was painfully clear that MANY of the committees only have one active participant. This doesn't work for a bunch of reasons.

Last spring, at the last general meeting, we amended the Temple by-laws to streamline the committees into eleven SuperCommittees™.

Hidden somewhere within this issue of the TempleTimes is a list of these committees. I simplified the descriptions somewhat (though I left one occurrence of the word “promulgate” because it amused me), but I think you'll get the gist of what each is supposed to do.

If any of these committees look interesting, or even if you think one isn't particularly interesting, but you can help with it, let me know.

You can email me at [mitch@monger.net](mailto:mitch@monger.net).

Ken

## NEXT TEMPLE TIMES IS AROUND PURIM-TIME!

With many activities being added and Shabbat services changes, please check your weekly TEMPLE BLAST. If you are not receiving these email updates, check your spam folder, and also make sure we have your current/favorite email address!

## RABBI CONTINUED

of creation. The main idea behind Simchat Torah is that it's an opportunity to express our joy at the awesome, meaningful, timeless wisdom that our Torah provides for all time and all places. But another message of that holiday is that every ending is really a new beginning. As soon as we finished the Torah, we immediately began reading it again, anew, from the beginning. Though we read the same five books of Torah every year, the meaning of each portion changes as we move through life. Just as we evolve and become better, wiser people every year, so too our understanding of Torah evolves.

Now that we've made it through the major holiday season, it's time to really start our new beginning together. As the year moves forward, I am so excited to continue celebrating Shabbat

with you, attending our meetings and events, and also raising Temple Emmanuel's profile in the larger, Wakefield community. In that vein, I invite you to Wakefield's Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11th at Galvin Middle School, where I will be giving the opening and closing prayers. Also, please come to the Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration on Tuesday, November 22nd at Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Wakefield where I will also be speaking.

To return to the wedding analogy, we're currently in the "honeymoon phase," and I'm hoping that the joy and love we feel for each other never ceases. As we continue our relationship together, may we all continue to learn from each other and continue our growth as individuals and as a community.

## WELCOME NEW TEMPLE MEMBERS!!

\*Palla and Jonathan Berg of Melrose

\*Sheila Gordon of Wakefield

\*Peter, Deborah, and Molly Thomashow of Reading

\*Pam DeGroot of Lynnfield

## LIMMUDBOSTON

Sunday December 4, 2016

9am-5pm

***Recharge Your Jewish Batteries!***

Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington St. Newton, MA.

Programs about Jewish Identity, Torah, Music & Art, Israel, Social Justice, Family, Interfaith, Text, and Spirituality. Something for Everyone! Beginner to Scholar. Young to young-at-heart.

Register Now. [www.LimmudBoston.org](http://www.LimmudBoston.org).

## HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

Contact Marsha Alter at [mlouisea@gmail.com](mailto:mlouisea@gmail.com) to make sure we can still reach you!

# TEMPLE READS BOOK CLUB

Dates and book titles subject to change. Books are available in Noble Net.

December 11: *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra @Warren & Susan's in Woburn (carpool)

Dr. Amin Jaafari, an Arab-Israeli citizen, is a surgeon at a hospital in Tel Aviv. Dedicated to his work, respected and admired by his colleagues and community, he represents integration at its most successful. He has learned to live with the violence and chaos that plague his city, and on the night of a deadly bombing in a local restaurant, he works tirelessly to help the shocked and shattered patients brought to the emergency room. But this night of turmoil and death takes a horrifyingly personal turn. His wife's body is found among the dead, with massive injuries, the police coldly announce, typical of those found on the bodies of fundamentalist suicide bombers. As evidence mounts that his wife, Sihem, was responsible for the catastrophic bombing, Dr. Jaafari is torn between cherished memories of their years together and the inescapable realization that the beautiful, intelligent, thoroughly modern woman he loved had a life far removed from the comfortable, assimilated existence they shared.

January 22: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah 2015 @ Maggie & Howard's.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah takes her talented pen to the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

March 5: *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit 2013: Non Fiction many copies @ Liz's

"My Promised Land is an Israeli book like no other. Not since Amos Elon's *The Israelis*, Amos Oz's *In the Land of Israel*, and Thomas Friedman's *From Beirut to Jerusalem* has there been such a powerful and comprehensive book written about the Jewish State and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. [ ... ] It brings to life epic history without being a conventional history book. It deepens contemporary political understanding without being a one-sided political polemic. It is painful and provocative, yet colorful, emotional, life-loving, and inspiring. *My Promised Land* is the ultimate personal odyssey of a humanist exploring the startling biography of his tormented homeland, which is at the very center of global interest."—Ehud Barak, former Prime Minister and Defense Minister of Israel

(This is a long book, it is suggested to start early.)



## WHERE IS THE PAPER CALENDAR?

The TEMPLE CALENDAR is going green and will now be available ONLY on line at [www.wakefieldtemple.org](http://www.wakefieldtemple.org). The goal is to keep it accurate and updated on timely basis. If you want one on your 'fridge, feel free to print a copy!

## SISTERHOOD & TEMPLE DATES

Monday, Nov. 7th: Judith Black, Storytelling for Grownups! Life Journeys, 7:30

Monday Dec. 5th: Sisterhood Board Meeting, 7:30

Sunday, Jan. 8th: Challah Baking Demonstration with Susan Silbovitz, 10:00am

Sunday, Jan. 22: Cardboard Explosion puppet show with Brad Shur, 2:00 open to all, ages 4-94

Sunday, Jan. 29: Sisterhood Pizza Movie Night at Liz's, 6 pm. movie to be announced.

Monday, Feb. 6: Joint Sisterhoods of North Shore, 7:30, Ner Talmid, Peabody

Saturday, Feb 11: Annual Beerfest & Game Night

Weekend of April 29th: Temple's 70th Anniversary

## SERVICES THRU DEC

Saturday, Nov 5th, Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 AM

Friday, Nov 11th, Shabbat Shira Evening Service at 7:30 PM

Saturday, Nov 19th, Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 AM

Saturday, Dec 3rd, Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 AM

Friday, Dec 9th, Shabbat Shira Evening Service at 7:30 PM

Saturday, Dec 17th, Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 AM

Friday, Dec 23rd, Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30 PM

Please watch the TE Blast and Website for changes and updates

## WAKEFIELD INTERFAITH SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOV. 22

At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5 Bryant St. (by the Common/Main St.)

Always an interesting evening and Rabbi Greg will be delivering the sermon. Please try to attend!

## PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Arnold Canner: You are in our thoughts and prayers. May hope and faith bring you peace.

Condolences to Susan Bergeron on the loss of her mother, Hannah Knepler

Condolences to Kathy Falcoff and family on the passing of Jeffrey Falcoff

### ***Cemetery Committee***

This Committee shall promulgate rules and regulations for the burial of the dead, the care of graves, lots and grounds.

### ***Continuing Education Committee***

Ensure educational opportunities for Temple members by providing interesting and educational programs including the BookClub. It shall also be responsible for the operations of the Temple Library.

### ***Fiscal Affairs Committee***

Assist the Financial Secretary in the collection of all monies due the Temple and in the investment of monies of the Temple. It shall prepare a budget of all funds to be expended during the coming fiscal year, and submit it to the Board for approval.

### ***Function Committee***

This committee shall be charged with the schedule coordination of all functions in and about the Temple.

### ***Goodwill Committee***

Responsible for increasing awareness of and appreciation for the Synagogue amongst both its members and the larger community.

### ***House, Building, and Grounds Committee***

Charge of the care of the Temple building as well as the Temple's property, equipment and furnishings as well as responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Temple property landscape and its plantings.

### ***Membership Committee***

Responsible for keeping in touch with Jewish people in the community who express an interest in becoming members of the Congregation, with a view of inviting them to become members of this Congregation.

### ***Ritual Committee***

The Ritual Committee shall be in charge of all religious services of the Congregation. It shall offer to the Rabbi advice and guidance regarding the character and mode of the various services.

### ***School and Youth Services Committee***

Responsible for all school and youth activities.

### ***Strategic Planning Committee***

This committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors strategies and actions to further the cause and objectives of the Synagogue.

### ***Ways and Means Committee***

It shall be in charge of all fundraising activities of the Temple.

# **So Many Wonderful Committees!**