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*MLK Weekend - Live MLK's Dream
Diversity Shabbat - Welcome Our neighbors*

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Happy New Year !!

Sunday, January 1, 2012 Office Closed
Shaharit 8:00 am

Monday, January 2, 2012 Office Closed
Shaharit 8:00 am

Shabbat - 12 Tevet

Friday evening, January 6, 2012
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm
 Light candles 4:34 pm

Saturday, January 7, 2012
 Morning Services 9:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 4:45 pm
Havdalah 5:37 pm

Shabbat - 19 Tevet

Friday evening, January 13, 2012
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm
 Light candles 4:41 pm

Saturday, January 14, 2012
 Morning Services 9:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 4:55 pm
 Rel. School family *Havdalah* 5:00 pm
Havdalah 5:45 pm

Shabbat - 26 Tevet

Friday evening, January 20, 2012
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm
 Light candles 4:49 pm

Saturday, January 21, 2012
 Morning Services 9:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 5:05 pm
Havdalah 5:53 pm

Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Wednesdat, January 25, 2012
Shaharit 7:00 am

Shabbat - 4 Shevat

Friday evening, January 27, 2012
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm
 Light candles 4:57 pm

Saturday, January 28, 2012
Diversity Shabbat
 Morning Services 9:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 5:10 pm
Havdalah 6:02 pm

“Ahavta L’rei” akha kamokha...Love your Fellow Person as Yourself”
 This phrase from our Torah has historically been both a challenge to opeople and a guide to our lives. The basis for the Golden Rule, Hillel teaches us, “Do not do to your fellow person what you would not done to you.”

The challenge to our people has been, from the outside, a history of anti-Semitism: second class citizenship, pogroms, Crusades, the Shoah and continuing today in the United States as well as throughout the world. Our challenge from the inside is more insidious. We have certain Jews who feel our “fellow person” only refers to fellow Jews, therefore it is acceptable to treat non-Jews unfairly in business or in social situations. Take that concept one step further, and “fellow person” becomes “those who agree with me” – in religious observance, politics or in any way you choose to define your category.

Fighting these challenges must be our constant goal; instead of allowing these prejudicial attitudes to rule our lives, we must instead use *ahavta l’rei’akha kamokha* as our guide – treating every human as we, ourselves wish to be treated. More importantly, it must be the criteria for every action we make – would this action be what we would ourselves want?

This month we celebrate MLK day as a weekend of celebrating and learning how we can give back to the community. “This is not a black holiday; it is a people’s holiday,” said Coretta Scott King after President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law on Nov. 2, 1983, designed to promote education and awareness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s ideals of diversity, equality, peace, freedom and human rights for all. Linda and I visited the new Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial in Washington, DC, reading so many of his famous phrases carved into the surrounding wall. He gives us a true understanding of the benefits of using *ahavta l’rei’akha kamokha* as our guide: “Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.” MLK April 18, 1959.

In 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. Instead of just a day off from work or school, Congress asked Americans of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy by turning community concerns into citizen action. The King Day of Service brings together people who might not ordinarily meet, breaks down barriers that have divided us in the past, and leads to better understanding and ongoing relationships. It is a time when we *ahavta l’rei’akha kamokha*, both socially and as the commandment: “Love your Fellow Person as Yourself.”

This commandment requires action, not just emotion. It calls for us to reach out to our fellow people and see that all of us have equal rights – for obtaining basic needs of sustenance and shelter, for obtaining education and to live together in the same community.

Here’s to a good 2012.



Dear Members and Friends:

It has occurred to us that as we recently marked the anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy that we remember his famous words- "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country".

President Kennedy tapped into the idealism of the American people as few presidents before or since have done. JFK spoke to the best in us - calling on us to give of ourselves for the betterment of our country, our society and the world at large.

In his book "Profiles in Courage" Kennedy described individuals who displayed great integrity, who rose above selfish interests and political pressures in order to make proper moral judgments. They were willing to take risks and make sacrifices in order to promote what was right and just. Kennedy admired those who recognized personal responsibility toward the community and the nation; who made commitments; who acted courageously and selflessly.

Today, unfortunately, there is a different kind of "JFK". In Temple parlance, this is what we refer to as a member or friend who comes to Temple "Just For Kiddush" - a "JFK Member". One who is for himself and not for the Congregation. This "JFK" is one who skips synagogue services and shows up in time for Kiddush to enjoy free refreshments. We feel that such a person lacks spiritual/religious values and doesn't make commitments or contributions to the Synagogue. A "JFK" mingles with the Kiddush crowd but is in essence taking a free ride at someone else's expense.

We are fortunate that a whole new team of people-a new generation of Temple members as Kennedy said-is stepping forward to "REJEWVENATE" Temple Israel, as can be seen by our very dynamic Rabbi Search Committee chaired by Jay Okun with Karen Pollack as Secretary.

But we need ALL of the members of the Temple to do their part - "to do for their Synagogue". You can do this by attending many of our services which take place daily - and our holiday observances - and by working on our Committees and volunteering your time and attending our programs and classes - and also giving your financial support and reaching out to other members and nonmembers to join you in these activities.

So as we begin the year 2012 please commit yourselves to not being a "JFK" member ("Just For Kiddush") but by following the direction of John F Kennedy by finding and doing the most you can for your Temple. You will be rewarded many times over.

Phyllis Brandes
Louis Nivert
Richard Bishop





Why pay extra to learn? You don't need fancy titles or slick advertising – you need to know how to live as 21st century Conservative Jews. Come join our adult education classes.



**Saturday, January 14, 2012
Jewish Civil Rights Heroes**

End of Shabbat Morning Services*

They didn't think themselves heroes; they thought they were just following the commandment, "ahavta l'rei'akha kamokha." Between mincha and ma'ariv services, come learn about some of the men and women who made a difference in the civil rights movement – one being our own congregant, Morey Myers.

*** This has been moved so our school's evening *havdalah* program can take place.**



You're Invited to Be a Part of Diversity Sabbath

What do our religions have in common; what are our differences? The Scranton Area Ministerium (SAM) invites you to experience a different service the last weekend of each month to learn more about what our neighbors believe, how they pray and how they celebrate *Shabbat* – "*Sabbath*" in their language. Called "*Diversity Sabbath*", members of the Ministerium will lead their regular *Sabbath* services and afterwards sit with guests, explaining the service and answering questions.

SAM deplores all types of intolerance in Northeast Pennsylvania. We have found the major cause of intolerance is ignorance – not knowing enough about the "other" to realize we all are made in God's image. We hope you will combat religious intolerance by joining us as we explore other forms of worship.

So far our schedule is as follows. You are welcome to attend any or all services:

8:00 p.m.	January 27	Temple Hesed
9:00 a.m.	January 28	Temple Israel
10:00 a.m.	February 26	St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Wyoming & Linden
10:30 a.m.	March 25	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Vine & Madison
11:00 a.m.	April 29	Bethel AME, Washington & Pine

In addition, our Muslim neighbors extend an invitation to join them at the University of Scranton's mosque by appointment only, since there is room for only two guests at any given service.

As you can see, our *Shabbat* services are the starting point for this inter faith program. Please help host the Scranton Community January 28, as we start the Exodus with *Parshat Bo*. Then join us as we wander through Scranton experiencing other paths to God.

Shabbat Shalom
"Rabbi Joe"

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You are invited to an unique all-musical
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Check your emotional baggage at the door
Opening Remarks & Concluding Blessings
By Rabbi David Saks

Sunday, Feb 12th
3 pm-5pm
JCC Koppelman Auditorium
Doors Open at 2 pm

Free and open to the community!

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From The Director

We are not even into the Chanukah season and here I am trying to send a timely message to the members of our congregation.

I hope by the time you read this we will have had a very lovely Chanukah dinner with many of you participating and having enjoyed a very good dinner. It is hoped Cantor Aronzon and the children lead the members in song and good cheer.

The search committee is in full swing but there is nothing to report at this time and I do not think a report will be coming for some time.

Our Hebrew School is functioning at Elan Gardens every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Rabbi Steve Nathan is doing a good job with our children.

One thing that will have serious implications for our synagogue if YOU, THE MEMBERS, do not do something about it is our EVENING MINYAN. Over the past several days, there have been members who have come to evening minyan because they have a yahrzeit and we could not hold a minyan for them. Our daily minyans start at 5:45PM except on Shabbat evening (Saturday night) when we have to start at the appropriate time for the season of the year. At this time of year, it is quite early in the afternoon and will start to get later beginning in January right through to June. It would be nice if each of you would obligate yourself to come one evening a week or even every other week. If each of the members took on this mitzvah we would have our minyans and no one would have to be at the service more than 15 or 20 minutes. You would be home for dinner before you know it.

The month of January is somewhat slow as far as holidays are concerned. The only thing I noticed is the fast of Teves on the 10th of Teves corresponding to the 5th of January. Talk to the rabbi about the fast if you would like to know more.

Seth S. Gross, Executive Director



Need Transportation to Temple?

Call a taxi on us!

Thanks to Yvette Brauner and her family, the Albert Brauner Special Needs Fund has been established to help seniors in our congregation afflicted with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other problems that affect their ability to live independently of assisted living or nursing homes. The first use for this fund is a taxi fund. Temple Israel has an account with McCarthy Flowered Cabs. If you would like to come to Shabbat services, adult education or any other Temple function and need transportation, simply call the company at 344-5000 and tell them you want to be taken to Temple Israel. It's as simple as that.

The driver will pick you up and the Temple will pay.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD LEAGRAMS

We are ready with our Leagram list for February. The price of one Leagram used for multiple listings is \$1.00. A check payable to the Temple Israel Sisterhood or cash with your order is necessary.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Feb. 1 tp Feb. 29

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Murray Glick	2/1	Atty. & Mrs. Stuart Moskowitz	2/8
Elaine Utan	2/2	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Waldman	2/10
Robert Land	2/3	Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Dubin	2/14
Sheldon Ehrenpreis	2/3		
Gerald Larar	2/3		
Burton Greenwald	2/6		
Isadore Steckel	2/8		
Melvyn Wolk	2/10		
Ann Monsky	2/11		
Kenneth Green	2/13		
David Adler	2/14		
Mildred Davis	2/16		
Cynthia Farber	2/22		
Mary Wolk	2/23		
Nancy Silverberg	2/23		
Harriet Brotter	2/24		
Alan Goldstein	2/25		
Rose Appel	2/26		
Mary Jane Goodman	2/26		
Paulette Okun	2/28		
Mildred Cantor	2/28		

PLEASE SEND A LEAGRAM TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I HAVE CIRCLED:

SIGN MY NAME (AND MY HUSBAND'S) ON THE LEAGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

ENCLOSED IS: _____

PER NAME, NUMBER OF NAMES

CIRCLED: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

MAIL TO: SHELLY GARBER
501 PINE ST, APT 911
SCRANTON, PA 18510

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Temple Israel Family,
By the time you read this it will already be 2012 and we will be back to class after winter break. But, I wanted to let you know what we've been up to at the Reba and Art Douglass Religious School of Temple Israel

Our first half of the year at Elan Gardens went very well. I would like to thank Iiise Rubinow and the staff at Elan for being such gracious hosts. I look forward to working with them more as the year goes on. We actually ended the year with a *Hanukkah* program together with the residents of Elan Gardens. Then Cantor Aronzon led us in lighting the first candle of *Hanukkah* and in sing *Hanukkah* songs.

In addition, back in November we had our first Erev *Shabbat* (Friday Night) Family Service and Dinner. the students did a great job learning some of the prayers and helped me lead them. Thanks to the Cantor for working so hard with them. In addition, the day prior to the service, we held Religiou School in the Temple Israel kitchen. Together with Penny Myers, each student made a challah that their family then shared on Friday night. Thanks to Geordie Pollock and Dr. Jenny Gell for assisting Penny, as well as Shelly Garber. in preparation of the challot and other parts of the dinner.

The evening was a great success, with a beautiful service followed by a warm, inviting and delicious full-course *Shabbat* dinner. We will be holding another service and dinner in the spring to which the entire congregation will be invited. But I felt it was important that this first Friday night be a learning experiencespecifically for the children and their families. The two *Shabbat* morning Family Services in December and October were also a great success. I look forward to more of them, as well as *Shabbat* evening and *Havdalah* services in the second half of the year. This way our students and their families are exposed to all aspects of *Shabbat* prayer and ritual, not just *Shabbat* morning.

I hope everyone had a wonderful *Hanukkah*, as well as a great secular New Year's celebration. I look forward to continuing to both teach and learn from our children a the year continues. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at rabbisteve.nathan@gmail.com.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Steve Nathan, Education Director



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DAILY MINYAN ANNUAL REPORT
Once again through the generosity of the Daily Minyan attendees, we are able to report this years gifts.

Magen David Adom	100.00
Hokocaust Education	75.00
JFS program book	250.00
Israel Children's Cancer Soc.	100.00
Jewish Family Service	2000.00
Boys Town Jerusalem	100.00
Red Cross flood relief	100.00
United Jewish Appeal	2000.00
MAZON	100.00

TOTAL 5025.00

With your ongoing support, it is our hope that the Daily Minyan will be able giving to those organizations in need, for years to come. Thank you for your help.



MILESTONES

We take note of the following happy occasions and Temple Israel wishes to express its congratulations

- Harlene Arenberg on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Jessie
- Mildred Cantor on her 100th birthday
- Mildred Davis on her special birthday
- Lois & Bernie Dubin on their special anniversary
- Eileen & David Feibus on he engagement of their daughter
- Vilma Melendez on her special birthday
- Mark Myers on receiving the Charles Luger Memorial Award from Allied
- Margery & Paul Rosenberg on the engagement of their granddaughter
- Isador Steckel on his special birthday
- Doris & Aaron Waldman on their special anniversary

CONDOLENCES

In memoriam, our Congregation observes the passing of loved ones and friends, and express its deepest condolences to:

Robert Hyers on the death of his father

May their souls be bound up in the Bond of Eternal Life



Temple Israel Sisterhood will be taking orders for Homemade Hamentashen...
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Please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood

This Year Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Weekend is January 13-16.



March 21, 1965 is a moment in history that has become the embodiment of American Jewish life and of Black-Jewish relations – Abraham Joshua Heschel walked arm in arm with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the front row of marchers in Selma, Alabama. For Heschel, the march had spiritual significance. He wrote, “For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.”

Both King and Heschel spoke of God as deeply involved in the affairs of human history. They believed that religious faith calls for social activism and called for moral justice in American society. Make MLK Day a priority for your family. Help reflect our Jewish values and fulfill Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream: “...When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’”

2012 MLK Week Calendar* *Stand Up and Be Counted*

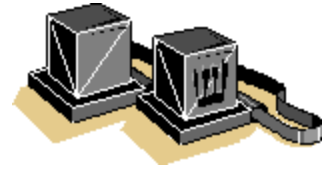
*For a full schedule, check our Kane Literature Center in Justan Lounge.

Sun 1/15	6:00 P.M.	Scranton High School	Multicultural Event: Song and Dance with special readings – quotes from Dr. King
Mon 1/16	10:00 am	University of Scranton DeNaples Center	Friends of the Poor “Rosa Parks” Bus Ride to Marywood University – “Planting the Seeds of Diversity”
	4:15 pm	UNC Progressive Center	Teen Program
	5:00 pm	UNC Progressive Center	Sandwich Dinner
	5:15 pm	UNC PC to Courthouse Square	March
	5:30 pm	Courthouse Square	City & County Dignitaries Speak
	7:00 pm	Scranton Cultural Center	Cake & Hot Cocoa
		Salvation Apostolic Center	Scranton Area Ministerium Interfaith Service

“Make it a day on, not a day off!”

MLK Day is not a black person’s holiday. It is a day promoting justice, equality and freedom for all us. Plan on attending at least one event. Make your presence felt!

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Temple Israel Daily Minyan Schedule

(Times change for holidays and Shabbat. Consult the Schedule of Services inside the Messenger)

Shacharit:

Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Monday	7:15 a.m.
Tuesday	7:25 a.m.
Wednesday	7:25 a.m.
Thursday	7:15 a.m.
Friday	7:25 a.m.

Mincha/maariv:

Sunday - Friday	5:45 p.m.
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The deadline for the February Messenger
 will be January 9, 2012.
 Make sure your article is ON TIME.

TREE OF LIFE



A gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life is a perfect way to honor family and friends on the important occasions in their lives.

For birthdays or anniversaries or other simchas, call Seth Gross or Temple Office at 342-0350 to place a leaf on the Tree of Life in their honor.

Temple Israel Dunmore Cemetery Hours

Sunday - Thursday	Dunmore Cemetery Association Hours
Fridays and all days before holidays	8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed on Saturdays

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