

Temple Hatikvah



Tevet/Shevat 5778

January/February 2018

Message from the Rabbi

Dr. Jack L. Sparks

Deuteronomy 16 reminds us that we are required to elect or appoint judges and officers to lead us properly. Our congregation follows this advice, as do most healthy organizations. We have recently elected new officers to lead us for the next year or so. Two veteran members of our Board, Carol Silver and Judy Creque, are stepping down after a combined total of 40+ years of volunteer service to our congregation. Filling their shoes is not an easy task.

Those newly elected are no strangers to the Temple: Stephan Haber, president elect, and Mitch Rabin, treasurer elect. Continuing in service to the Temple remain: Tobi Santini, 1st VP, Mimi Dickson, Recording Secretary, Sue Hopkins, Corresponding Secretary, Salli Haber, Director, Enrique Schmalbach, Director, Sue Nulman, and David Feinberg, Trustee. Carol Silver will re-

main in the capacity as "Immediate Past President", a Board position, until she relocates to N. Florida down the road.

I hope you will show your support and appreciation of both our retiring Board Members and our newly elected Board Members by attending

The Board Installation Sabbath: Friday, January 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Temple.

As Moses placed his trust in G-d, so too G-d placed his trust in Moses (Deuteronomy 16) to lead the people. May our new and returning leaders be so imbued. – Amen

We've got a lot going on!

HEBREW YEAR 5778

JANUARY 2018

12th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services and Board Installation Sponsored by Temple
27th	Saturday	6:00 PM	Havdalah Service & Program

FEBRUARY 2018

10th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bless the Animals/ Tu B'shevat
23rd	Friday	7:30 PM	Havdalah Service & Program

MARCH 2018

3rd	Saturday	6:00 PM	Purim Celebration
16th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Services
31st	Saturday	6:00 PM	2nd Night of Passover

PLEASE NOTE - WE ADDED SATURDAY SERVICES

Message from Immediate Past President Carol Silver

When I was first elected president of Temple Hatikvah in 1999, I was petrified. Not about doing the work involved. Darryl had been president for three years and between you and me, I did most of the work. But what really freaked me out was the fact that I had to get up in front of everyone and not only talk about upcoming events, but actually make speeches. They say one of the most common fears is the fear of public speaking. That is so true! I remember at the first installation of officers (which back then was a big event), I practiced and practiced and practiced my speech and still, when I got up to make the speech, my voice was shaking, I couldn't remember what I wanted to say, I lost my place in my notes, in other words, I freaked out. I'm happy to tell you that after all these years, it doesn't bother me anymore to get up there and talk about our beloved Temple and the people who are members here.

I like to think that I've accomplished a lot during my years as president and as a member of the board. I know that I've grown a lot. I don't have a problem speaking my mind instead of just going along with the flow. I don't hesitate to take on projects even if I'm not familiar with what I need to do. I've learned to bite my tongue and be diplomatic when I really just want to snatch someone bald-headed. And I have acquired tremendous respect for those who have served on our board year after year after year. Yes, dedication is a big part of it. But also, a sense of responsibility to the temple especially when others "don't

want to get involved". They say it takes a village to raise a child. It also takes a village to run a temple. I would like to thank all those who served on the board with me for these many years, especially Judy Creque who is also retiring this year after serving 28 years as Treasurer. Judy gives new meaning to the word dedication and all of us owe her a big "Thank you!"

If it wasn't for my plans to move out of the area to be with my family, I would probably stay on as president as long as they would have me. But since that isn't going to happen, I hope that you will support the new Board of Directors for 2018. I will stay on the board as Immediate Past President until my house sells and I move away. I will miss each and every one of you.

Please try to attend the installation of officers on January 12th and show your support for the new Board of Directors who have your best interests at heart and will work tirelessly in the best interests of the temple.

See you in Temple!
Carol Silver






DONATIONS

“All Israel is responsible for one another”

Talmud Shavout 39a

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HANUKKAH PARTY



Bless the Animals and Nature

Saturday, February 10th at 4:00 pm

Bring your pets
(the well-behaved ones)
and stories
to share.

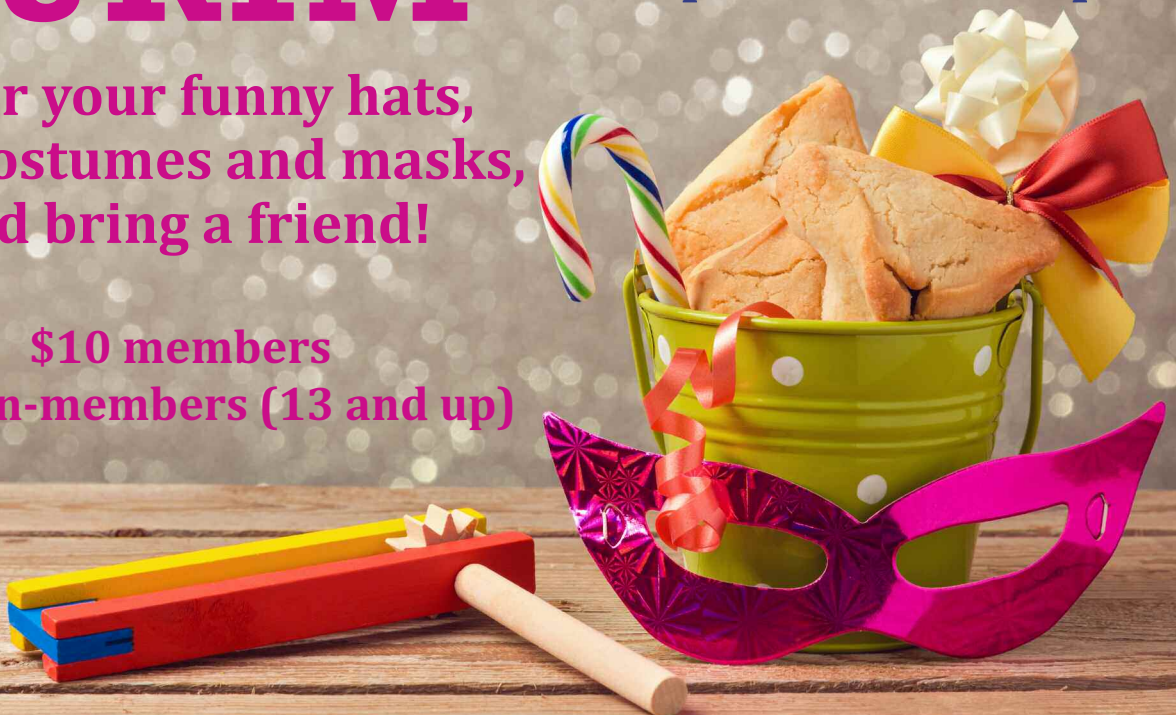


PURIM

Saturday, March 3rd
6:00pm at our Temple

Wear your funny hats,
silly costumes and masks,
and bring a friend!

\$10 members
\$13 non-members (13 and up)



We Want More Than Just Online Services

Eilat Schmalbach

Have you attended a virtual service in one of the synagogues? It has become my custom to spend Friday evenings when we do not have a service in Temple Hatikvah, following one of the many live streaming services of synagogues as far away as New York, or as close as Miami. You may think, who needs a temple when you can just follow prayers anywhere? It may be similar to the situation in the retail shopping: many flock to the online stores and desert the physical sites where shopping used to be a pleasure.

Judaism has to withstand this change as much as it had to accommodate periods of no Temple, no synagogue, no permission to follow the Jewish religion. We have just celebrated the miraculous events which brought us Hanukkah, a win of freedom to be Jewish against temptation and pressure to become like everyone else, to abandon your tra-

dition. From history we learn that what kept us alive as a Jewish tradition is caring and innovative leadership.

We may be able to continue without an actual site, but leadership is most important. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring treasurer, Judy Creque, and departing president, Carol Silver. They both worked hard to keep our tiny institution going, with the help of the rest of the board, and our clergy. It is always easier to stay

home and criticize, but it is much less effective. Those who are willing to be leaders do it for no reason other than to advance the call of the community. May we continue to have caring and responsible leaders who will continue to carry the torch of Judaism in Homestead. And great thanks to those who agreed to replace our leaders: Mitch Rabin and Steve Haber.

May you be protected and inspired daily by our community and G-d. Amen

