

Temple Hatikvah



Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5776

May/June 2016

Message from the Rabbi

Dr. Jack L. Sparks

A Bold New Look

Our newsletter has gone to an electronic version and we welcome the first issue. With 99% of our congregation connected to email, it made sense to convert the paper issue into a new electronic format which I call our E-Bulletin. It wasn't done in an attempt to save dollars (which it will) but rather to increase speed in which the E-Bulletin gets to you. Believe it or not, the bulletin takes approximately 30 days to assemble, edit and proof, print, stamp and mail. It is our hope to cut that time in half, in hopes you receive the E-Bulletin long before the first of the month.

A word about security.... We will put an abbreviated version of our E-Bulletin on our website, but will REMOVE names of individuals, donors, Board Members, and volunteers. We don't want prying eyes to see specific members' names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. The Temple phone number and email address will be the only method of contact from the web version of the E-Bulletin. The full version you receive via email will have all the information our tradi-

tional bulletin had.

And finally, our Bulletin Editor, Denise has worked hard to make the E-Bulletin printer friendly in case you do want to print it out at home and have a paper version available. We will have paper issues at the entrance to the Temple for visitors and guests. If you, our member, do not have a printer and prefer a paper version, we will print a version and mail it to you as well.

As a people over 5,700 years,

we have endured much change. Once upon a time we transmitted our customs and laws through the Oral Tradition, then via the Written Tradition. We now add the E-Tradition to our list. It is our ability to change with the times while still respecting the traditions of the past that have kept us alive when every other great nation has fallen. May the next 5,700 years be as successful.

Amen

Dr. Jack L. Sparks, Rabbi

We've got a lot going on!

HEBREW YEAR 5776

MAY 2016

3rd	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
6th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service - Yom Hashoah/Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sponsored by Hannah and David Feinberg
20th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service - Sponsored by Amy Ward

JUNE 2016

10th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service (Shavuoth) - Sponsored by Mimi Dickson
7th	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
24th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service - Need sponsor

Message from our President

Carol Silver

As I get older, often when I glance at a mirror, my first thought is, "That looks like my mother!" I never really thought I looked like my mother, but looking at pictures of her at my age, I realize I resemble her way more than I ever thought. Which isn't a bad thing, I've always thought she was pretty good-looking!



Another thing that happens with increasing frequency is I find myself saying things that she used to say. And now I hear my own children, in speaking to their children, repeating things that I say. I guess the saying is true that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I like to think that we learn from our parents how to parent (or how not to parent, in some cases). I'm sure most of us can relate to this. We either see our parents in the mirror or we hear them in what we say. As Mother's Day approaches, this is a good time to reflect on what we've learned from our parents and what we've taught our own children. And how we want to be remembered.

On another note, I would like to report that our financial situation is

somewhat better than before. The income from our tenants has enabled us to plan some much needed repairs around the Temple. It was a difficult decision to make, allowing other people to use our building when we are not using it, but so far it is working out well. We are doing everything we can think of to keep

going. And please remember, even though the rental income is helping us, our basic income is from our membership and we need every member we have. And of course we will never turn down donations, large or small! If we all work together, Temple Hatikvah, Homestead Jewish Center, will be an important presence in Homestead for many more years. So tell everyone you know about our beautiful Temple and encourage people to come and check us out and hopefully join us as members! I know there are people in Homestead who are Jewish and might possibly be interested in membership if they but knew we exist. So, spread the word!

See you in Temple!

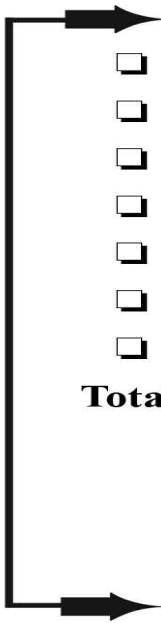
Carol Silver

DONATIONS

“All Israel is responsible for one another”
Talmud Shavout 39a

Temple Hatikvah, Homestead Jewish Center is an I.R.S. designated “501(c)(3)” Charitable Organization, chartered as a Florida Non-Profit Corporation. As such, your donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. As with any good synagogue/temple, donations are the mainstay of the temple.

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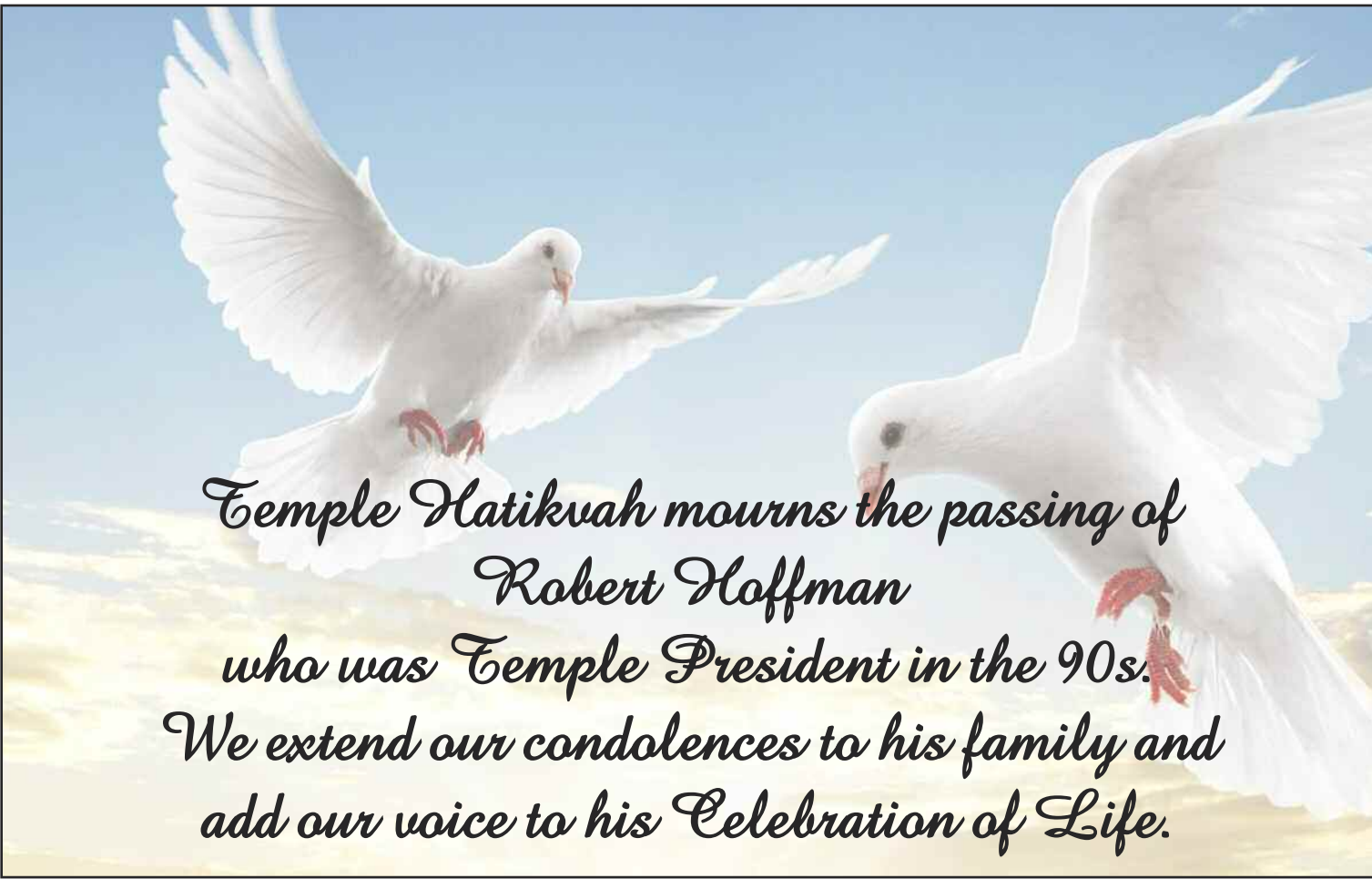
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*Temple Hatikvah mourns the passing of
Robert Hoffman
who was Temple President in the 90s.
We extend our condolences to his family and
add our voice to his Celebration of Life.*

Shabbat Shavuoth

Friday, June 10th

7:30 PM

**Come and bring a friend for
this celebration of law and order.**

Dairy desserts will be served!

Please RSVP!

Golda Meir and Israel's struggle to exist

Eilat Schmalbach

On May 3rd 1898 Golda was born in Kiev, Ukraine. This year she would have been 118 years old. Her personal life reflected in many ways Israel's life: from a persecuted reality in Europe and many other places, we built a flourishing democratic Jewish state. We still struggle with the nations who would not accept us among them, but we have created a mini enclave of innovation and humanism in a Middle East that is laced with hatred and violence.

As we pass over Passover into our modern holidays which commemorate the Holocaust and celebrate Israel's birthday (merely 68 years old), I am attaching here some memorable quotes from our "Iron Lady". I hope you will find them timeless and relevant to our struggles today. These quotes were taken from "Haaretz" newspaper, dated May 3 2015.

On Israel: "Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses. He took us 40 years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil!"

"Above all, this country is our own. Nobody has to get up in the morning and worry what his neighbors think of him. Being a Jew is no problem here."

"It is true that we have won all our wars, but we have paid for them."

On the Palestinians & Violence: "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when



they love their children more than they hate us"

"We do not rejoice in victories. We rejoice when a new kind of cotton is grown and when strawberries bloom in Israel."

"A leader who doesn't hesitate before he sends his nation into battle is not fit to be a leader."

"It was not as if there were Palestinian people in Palestine and we came and threw them out and took their country away from them. They did not exist."

On Compromise with the Arabs: "We Jews have a secret weapon in our struggle with the Arabs - We have no place to go."

"I guess we have no choice. Either we do everything that is possible, and may seem to others as impossible, and just give up. Or we do everything that is really impossible and we remain alive. There's one more basic thing that I think that people outside of Israel must realize, and if they understand and accept that, maybe other things will fall into place.

For instance, we're not the only people in the world who've had difficulties with neighbors; that has happened to many. We are the only country in the world whose neighbors do not say, "We are going to war because we want a certain piece of land from Israel," or waterways or anything of that kind. We're the only people in the world where our neighbors openly announce they just won't have us here. And they will not give up fighting and they will not give up war as long as we remain alive. Here.

So this is the crux of the problem: it isn't anything concrete that they want from us. That's why it doesn't make sense when people say, "Give up this and give up the other place. Give up the Golan Heights," for instance. What happened when we were not on the Golan Heights? We were not on the Golan Heights before '67, and for 19 years, Syria had guns up there and shot at our agricultural settlements below. We were not on the Golan Heights! So what, if we give up the Golan Heights, they will stop shooting? We were not in the Suez Canal when the war started.

It's because Egypt and Syria and the other Arab countries refuse to acquiesce to our existence. Therefore there can be no compromise. They say we must be dead. And we say we want to be alive. Between life and death, I don't know of a compromise. And that's why we have no choice."

- 60 Minutes Interview,
September 1973