



Temple Israel
SHARON

THE LUACH

Purim 2025

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From our Clergy



Chaverim Yekarim – Dear Friends,
One of the most powerful lessons of the Megillah is how close the miraculous deliverance of the Jewish people was to not happening. Had Esther not summoned the courage to speak up at the right moment, the outcome could

have been devastating. Her bravery reminds us that using our voices, even in the face of great challenges, can change everything.

These are difficult days for Israel and Jews worldwide. Many ask, “How can we help Israel from here? How can we get a seat at the table? How can we support an inclusive, pluralistic, Jewish, and democratic Israel?” The most important way we can make an impact in the next two months is by voting for the MERCAZ USA slate in the 2025 World Zionist Congress elections.

Founded by Herzl in 1897, the World Zionist Congress (WZC) is our “seat at the table,” allowing Jews worldwide to influence policies and funding priorities in Israel. The WZC and its affiliates are the four largest Jewish non-profits globally, and our votes shape their budgets and direction. Strong representation from MERCAZ USA in the World Zionist Congress influences the right of every Jew, regardless of their background or affiliation, to make aliyah and have full rights

to participate in religious life and that all Jews worldwide are supported in their identity and expression of Judaism. Participating in the election as American Jews is critical for maintaining our connection to Israel and provides funding for Zionist education opportunities for our children and communities.

It’s crucial that extremist voices don’t drown out the Conservative Movement’s commitment to a pluralistic, democratic Israel.

Voting begins March 10 and ends on May 4th. Voting is simple—scan the QR code below or visit zionistelection.org to vote and encourage family and friends to do the same.

Now’s the time to make our voices heard, to help realize the Zionist vision of a safe, secure, pluralistic, Jewish, and democratic Israel that serves as a home for every Jew.

~Rabbi Jeremy Fineberg



There is a lot of music—from opera to Yiddish songs to English children’s songs—associated with the festival of Purim. The traditional melodies span from songs about increasing our joy during the month of Adar to songs about a wicked, wicked man and noshing on hamantashen. George Frederick Handel wrote the well-known oratorio *Esther* in 1732. More recently, Hugo Weisgall composed an edgy opera, also called *Esther*, in 1993 to critical acclaim.

Aside from the above (and other) musical retellings of the Purim story, the quintessential music of Purim remains the chanting of *Megillat Esther*. In fact, Purim is the only festival for which the *megillah* is the holiday. Unlike all other Jewish holidays which exist to commemorate a historical event or an agricultural season, and unlike those holidays with deep theological rationale for existence, Purim cannot exist without *Megillat Esther*. It does not have a compelling claim to historical accuracy, nor does it claim either an agricultural or biblical importance.

Purim exists to tell a story, and that story is the *megillah*. Without it, we have no other basis for celebrating Purim, since all the *mitzvot* which we associate with Purim comes exclusively from the *megillah* itself. *Mishloach manot* (sending gifts), *matanot la-eyyonim* (gifts to the poor), and the *seudah* (festive meal) are all derived from the primary commandment of Purim, to hear the chanting of the *megillah*. That is, although one could have the festival of Pesach without the chanting of the Song of Songs, or Shavuot without the chanting of Ruth or Sukkot without the chanting of *Kohelet*, there is quite literally no Purim without the chanting of *Megillat Esther*.

Ironically, in many respects Purim is analogous to the only other commemoration that is heavily dependent on its *megillah*, Tisha B’Av. In both cases, the trope melodies used to chant the *megillah* are unique to that one book. While the books of Ruth, Song of Songs and *Kohelet* all share a trope system, *Eicha* on Tisha B’Av and *Esther* on Purim are each singular and distinctive. And both help set the intended mood for the day – the mournful sounds of *Eicha* for Tisha B’Av, and the more festive tunes of *Megillat Esther* for Purim.

There is a Chasidic saying which describes the power of a melody as being able to take you from where you are to where you want to be. This year, I encourage you to listen carefully to the sounds of the chanting of the *megillah*. The music of *Megillat Esther*, the centerpiece of Purim, indeed plays a central role in reminding us that in the end, “for the Jews, there is light

and joy, happiness and honor.” (Esther 8:16)

Best wishes for a חג פורים שמח, a joyous and melodious Purim!
~Cantor Jamie Gloth

*Special thanks to my colleague Cantor Marcia Lane for sharing this teaching.

From our President



To My Dear TI community,

This is my last Luach article as your current president, and I would like to reflect back on my past two years and express my hopes and wishes to our inspiring incoming team of lay-leaders.

With your help, we will vote in the new slate of officers at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 28. This new group of lay-leaders will build on the positive momentum and growth fueled by passion, dedication, and care of the outgoing leadership. I address this ‘love letter to our shul’ specifically to our incoming president, Harris Grandberg, though it is also intended for future leaders and all those who care deeply for our beloved shul.

Dear Harris,

I am excited to be passing the presidential baton to you. I know that some of your experiences in this role will be unique. But I guarantee that your involvement as president of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees will change your life for the better. I’ll be completely open and honest - when I first assumed this leadership position, I experienced a bit of *imposter syndrome*. Did I have the wisdom and skill to fulfill my duties and responsibilities? Would my work ethic, my organizational and interpersonal skills, my maternal instincts and strengths suffice? Could I support and help manage a strong vision and mission? Could I be as good as my predecessors?

I quickly learned, as you will, that a major part of this role is in empowering, inspiring, connecting, and encouraging the vibrant community that you serve. Our lay leaders, clergy, administrative staff, and active community-members bring an incredible depth of talent, ideas, wisdom, generosity, and energy. Be open to, absorb, and distill collective input. Help set direction but delegate, promote teamwork and the importance of diverse opinions. Trust the process.

I encourage you to go out of your way to connect with individual congregants, groups, and committees. Make yourself available for conversations, find ways to be a familiar, friendly face during all kinds of gatherings (meetings, social, one-on-one,

set-up and clean up). Be a good listener, liaison, and advocate. Identify where to turn for guidance and input.

Enjoy the attention! People will express their appreciation with respectful hand salute or formal greetings. Whenever I hear the term ‘Madame President,’ I’m reminded of the opportunity with which I’ve been entrusted to lead our dynamic team and make a positive difference. This recognition also makes me smile. You will also experience the constant show of support by our past presidents who offer advice from a place of experience. I found inspiration from this group and now agree with their reflections about how extremely fulfilling the tenure as TI president can be.

Don’t hesitate to step outside your comfort zone. There will no doubt be tough decisions to make, difficult conversations to initiate, criticism to affirm, and disappointment to accept. There will also be recognition to acknowledge, credit to share, and praise to accept. Focus on learning, growing, working toward alignment, and welcoming the *neshama* (divine soul and spirit) that lives within each member.

Another inspiring reminder from the Past President’s Council: ‘Your term as president is a marathon, not a sprint.’

I am deeply humbled, honored, thankful, and blessed to have served for two years as president of our TI Board, and I am very proud of all that we achieved together. I hope that our Jewish center for living and learning continues to attract more member-engagement and commitment while supporting our Jewish values. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this dynamic team as we watch our Jewish community thrive and grow under your leadership.

Harris — I know that you assume the role of president carrying on your family’s tradition and legacy of commitment to TI. It is significant that your great-grandparents, the Ulmans, were involved with the founding of our Jewish Community Centre of Sharon (a.k.a. Temple Israel) almost 90 years ago!

Hazak, hazak, ve-nithazek — may you and the incoming leadership go from strength to strength as we move closer to realizing our vision and promise as ‘the vital center for traditional egalitarian Jewish learning and living in Boston’s south area and beyond.’

With encouragement and support,
~Debra Hassenfeld Getz, President



Hertz Highlights

In what feels like the blink of an eye, we are midway through the school year at Hertz Nursery School. All around us we witness growth and change in the children and the classrooms. Bottom scooters become walkers, hesitant toddlers become confident as they walk, run and climb to explore the world around them and our "big kids" seem bigger everyday as their teachers report with confidence the skills and knowledge they will carry with them next year. We welcomed a new friend in one classroom and in other classrooms we bid two friends safe travels as they moved across the country to begin a new chapter!

Change is an expectation in a nursery school and one we often see more profoundly than in other spaces of our lives. We even saw a dramatic change in our logo! With an abundance of gratitude to Ari, the TI Communications/Marketing Manager and to the Hertz Parent Committee, Hertz Nursery School has a beautiful new logo. The colors and design weave effortlessly into the updated Temple Israel logo, showing the connection between the school and synagogue communities. Our teaching staff proudly wear their Temple Israel fleece jackets on cold days, and we are working on plans to debut the **new school logo** on school t-shirts!



Purim and Passover are on the horizon and the classes will be busy learning and creating. In Judaism, *l'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation) is an ever-present idea. One generation will pass on the figurative baton to the younger ones. In Hertz, we are fortunate to share time with Gila Yudewitz, our Family Educator. Gila makes sure the children and teachers are equipped with great knowledge and tools and together the teachers bring the holidays and customs to life.

Soon the snow and ice will be gone, and we will be counting the days until spring returns. Registration is now open to the general public for enrollment in the 2025/2026 school year and our 2025 summer program enrollment begins soon, too!

Marilyn Rabinovitz
Director of Hertz Nursery School

Hertz Parent Committee

The Hertz Parent Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who work closely with the Hertz and TI staff and families in order to fundraise and create meaningful and fun programming for our community. So far this year we have had many successful happenings including; a parent mingle, visit to the fire station, camp maplewood playdate, musical Havdalah night and more! With donations, our Sunshine Fund has been able to provide multiple gifts and assistance for teachers and Hertz families going through life cycle events such as moving, new siblings, disaster relief, and health related circumstances. We were also able to give over 35 Hertz and TI staff generous holiday gifts, a 'Thankful For You' breakfast and thank you gifts to our fire/policemen and Camp Maplewood staff. We had a successful Hanukkah candle fundraiser and continue our weekly challah drive. Look out for more fundraising and community events for the remainder of the year!

Youth Education & Programming



Celebrating Purim with Mitzvot

Purim is one of the most joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar, filled with costumes, hamantaschen, and festive celebrations. But beyond the fun, Purim is deeply rooted in mitzvot.

For students in Religious School, Purim provides a meaningful opportunity to not only learn about the mitzvot of Purim but to actively practice them. Through hands-on experiences, discussions, and acts of kindness, our students will help fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot by assembling gift packages filled with treats to share with friends and community members.

Purim reminds us that mitzvot comes in many forms, and our youth have been shining examples of this throughout the year. Through their dedication to giving back, they have actively brought warmth, care, and kindness to our wider community.

So far this year, our students have taken part in several meaningful projects. They have:

- **Packaged lunches for Father Bill's & MainSpring**, helping provide meals for those in need.
- **Assembled and delivered gift bags to residents of senior living communities**, in honor of Hanukkah and spreading light.
- **Baked and brought cookies to the police and fire departments**, showing gratitude to our local first responders.
- **Decorated pots and planters to share with seniors at Orchard Cove**, adding beauty and cheer to their living spaces.
- **Volunteered at Orchard Cove for a Tu B'Shevat program**, connecting generations and celebrating our connection to the environment.

Each of these acts of kindness reflects the values of our youth programming showing that mitzvot can be found in a variety of ways. Whether through hands-on volunteerism, creative projects or thoughtful giving, our students are learning that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

A key part of our youth program is the Mitzvah of the Month learning. Each month, our students explore a different mitzvah, deepening their understanding of Jewish values and the many ways they can bring light into the world. Through discussions, hands-on projects, and real-world applications, they are building a strong foundation of community-mindedness and compassion.

As we celebrate Purim, we remember that mitzvot are a core part of our Jewish identity. Whether it's bringing a smile through a Mishloach Manot package, feeding those in need or simply being there for someone who could use a kind word, each of us has the ability to make a difference.

Wishing everyone a joyous and meaningful Purim!

~ Abby Newman Wallach

Upcoming Events

3/16: Purim Carnival

3/20: Early Release Program for Grades 1-4

3/23: Grades K-4 Father Bill's and MainSpring and Homelessness program (coordinated with synagogue)

3/28: Shabbat Services at CareOne at 4pm

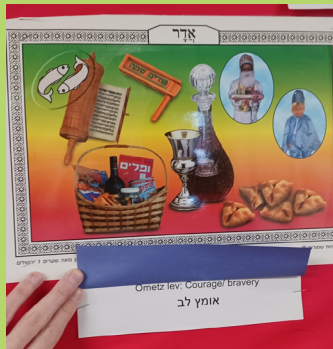


Midot & Community Learning

with Gila Yudewitz

Shalom Kehillah Kedosha, (Hello to our holy community)! Students at Hertz and Temple Israel Religious School have been spending each Hebrew month focusing on a different *Midah* (value). We learned and practiced *Shalom Bayit* (peace in the house). Students took this *Midah* to heart as they learned to compromise and create calm, peaceful spaces. From Hertz to our teenagers, our students practiced *Shalom Bayit*, *Shalom Kitah* (peace in the classroom) and will hopefully create *Shalom Ba'Olam* (peace in the world). With the holidays of Tu B'shevat (the holiday of the trees) and Purim just around the corner, our students are now focusing on the *mitzvot* (commandments) of *Shmirat Hatevah* (taking care of nature) and *Ometz Lev* (having a brave heart).

Can't wait to see you all at this year's Purim Carnival!



Matir Asurim: Releasing the Hostages

Students in 6th and 7th grade rejoiced as each recent hostage was returned home by removing one of our blue ribbons and saying the bracha (blessing) thanking God for releasing the bound. We then tied new blue ribbons as a prayer to release those still in captivity.



Shabbawesome Family Shabbaton Recap



In February, we hosted its first full family Shabbaton, offering a weekend filled with connection, celebration, and learning about accommodations and disabilities as part of our Inclusion Shabbat program.

The event kicked off with Friday night services in Founders Hall, followed by a vibrant dinner attended by over 70 people. Tots, youth, teens, and parents participated in a full weekend of age-appropriate activities designed to strengthen connections to Judaism and to one another. The younger children a special Story Time and free play, while older youth engaged in "Minute to Win It" games and the Keshet Program on inclusion. Kindergarten through 4th graders participated in a disability-themed program with a special guest who shared his experience of being deaf and taught some American Sign Language.

For the adults, Heidi Kassner led a special yoga session combining relaxation with Shabbat mindfulness, and Rabbi Fineberg facilitated a Torah study on the Four Children from Parashat Bo.

Family bonding was central to the weekend, highlighted by shared activities like Family Favorite Kosher Snacks. Shabbat Jeopardy provided an interactive and fun way for families to learn together.

Saturday evening culminated with a beautiful Havdalah ceremony, led by Rabbi Fineberg and the Kindergarten class, as families shared in the ritual. The Shabbaton ended with the older youth playing Flashlight Tag, while the youngest participants participated in a musical program.

Overall, the Shabbawesome Family Shabbaton was a resounding success, fostering connection, learning, and fun across all generations of Temple Israel families. We look forward to building on this experience and making it a tradition for our community.

Thank you to the many volunteers, staff, and facilitators who helped make the weekend the success that it was!

Religious School Students celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a mini seder and planted parsley in anticipation of Passover.

Hessed Caring Community

Hessed: A Path to Satisfaction

Hessed, the Jewish practice of loving-kindness, is one of the core values that binds together the Temple community, creating opportunities for individuals to give back in meaningful ways. For members of Temple Israel, (new or long time), participating in Hessed can be a deeply fulfilling experience that not only helps others but also nurtures personal growth and spiritual connection.

A Tradition of Compassion

At its core, Hessed is about showing compassion to those in need. By engaging in Hessed activities, Temple Israel members can continue the ancient Jewish tradition of helping others. These actions are not only acts of charity—they are opportunities to live out the Jewish principle of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world).

A Personal Satisfaction

The rewards of participating in Hessed are deeply satisfying. The act of giving is not only fulfilling for the recipient but also for the giver. It fosters a sense of purpose and brings joy to those who help, knowing they are making a difference. Whether it's through small acts of kindness or larger projects, Temple Israel members, can experience the profound sense of satisfaction that comes from doing good.

By joining Hessed, you help build a more compassionate, loving, and interconnected community, enriching your own life and the lives of others.



JOIN OUR HESSED COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back?
Our Hessed Committee is dedicated to spreading kindness and compassion through acts of love and service.

We need volunteers like you to help with:

- PROVIDING SUPPORT TO BEREAVED FAMILIES
- VISITING THE SICK TO BRING COMFORT
- KNITTING COZY WRAPS TO WARM HEARTS AND HANDS
- ARRANGING NOURISHING MEALS TO BE DELIVERED

If interested call Ellen Kaplan: 781-715-4321



Passover is around the corner!

Stay tuned for an online Passover insert with service information, rituals and Hametz form.

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WOULD YOU GIVE 5 MINUTES AND 5 DOLLARS TO STRENGTHEN THE MASORTI MOVEMENT AND PROMOTE PLURALISM IN ISRAEL?



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- Deliver \$5 million to the Masorti Movement in Israel, supporting 100 Masorti communities across the Jewish state, as well as other Masorti organizations like the Schechter Institutes and Fuchsberg Center.
- Teach tens of thousands of Israeli kids Judaism through a pluralistic, tolerant lens through the TALI Jewish Studies program, which relies on funding allocated by bodies under the control of the Zionist Congress.
- Make sure that EVERY Jew from EVERY stream has the right to make Aliyah. The results of elections to the Zionist Congress shape the ideological makeup of the Jewish Agency’s Board of Governors, which controls key parts of the aliyah bureaucracy.
- Strengthen the voices of Jewish pluralism in Israel. Your vote for MERCAZ USA makes your voice and the voice of millions of Conservative/Masorti Jews heard loud and clear before Israel’s government and within Israeli society.

NOT VOTING for MERCAZ USA in elections to the Zionist Congress is NOT an option. When we don’t vote, critical funding Masorti Judaism in Israel relies on is put at risk, and ultra-Orthodox extremists who wish to marginalize us gain more power and resources.

Voting is a simple, online process that takes just five minutes and five dollars



Scan the QR, or visit mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025 where you can click to sign up for a reminder to vote from your community’s MERCAZ captain - make sure to enter your community code.

COMMUNITY CODE: 408



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Mishpacha Minyan

Upcoming Dates: 3/21, 5/9



Mishpacha Minyan is a lay-led, spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service for the entire community. Full of melody and song, the service is both intimate and engaging at any level of Hebrew or musical ability. Not just for young families, everyone is welcome; all types of families, singles, empty nesters, seniors, new members, veteran members – you get it- everyone! Dinner and services are held several times during the year.

We welcome your participation in the service. You are welcome to lead a part of the service, give a 3 minute d'var, help with the dinner (there are lots of ways to help). If you would like to be involved in any of these ways, please reach out to Liz at eaweiner0@gmail.com.

Following the brief service, all are welcome to join us for a community dinner. Please RSVP online for the dinner. No fee or RSVP needed for attending only the service.

Volunteer & Board of Trustees Appreciation Shabbat



MAY, 10TH

MAZAL TOV!

JENNIFER, AARON and EVELYN DIAMOND on the baby naming of their daughter and sister, Mila, who received the Hebrew name Davida.

IRV KEMPNER on the engagement of his granddaughter, Naomi Cohen to Yehuda Airley.

CLIFFORD & AMY CAPLAN on the engagement of their son, Stephen to Michelle Caplan.

SCOTT & SUSAN SHIKORA on the birth of their grandson, Noah Jay Massaro.

JEN & BEN and CHARLIE KARAS on the birth of a new baby boy.

PAUL, SUSAN & RACHEL DAVIDSON on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Sadie Ilana Davidson.

We would like to celebrate your life's celebrations & achievements! If you'd like to share or sponsor a kiddush, please email: templeoffice@tisharon.org.

STACEY & KOBI WEENER on the birth and brit milah of their son, Skylar Shawn Weener.

JEFF & BARBARA WEENER on the birth of their grandson, Skylar Shawn Weener.

ARIEL SERKIN on being awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Education.

MARION GRIBETZ & ROB RUBIN in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Mia.

ALAN & PAULA BLOCK on the brit milah of their grandson, Benjamin Berenson Block.

GARY OSTROW & DEBBIE LAPIDUS on their aufruf.



Celebrating
PURIM

Services & Megillah Reading

Thursday, 3/13:

6:30pm: Fast of Esther Mincha

7:20pm: Evening Service
& Megillah Reading

Friday, 3/14:

6:15am: Shacharit
& Megillah Reading

Festive meal
to follow at
6:30pm!

Sunday,
March 16th
at 5pm



PURIM SHPIEL

“DYNAMIC DUOS”



PURIM Carnival



SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH
11AM - 1PM

10:30AM: PRESCHOOL & SENSORY FRIENDLY

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Brotherhood



The weather may have been freezing as the calendar turned to 2025, but Temple Israel's Brotherhood came in hot! We held a fabulous Brotherhood Weekend featuring our Robert Zeitsiff Scholar in Residence, Dr. Jacob Meskin from Hebrew College. Dr. Meskin's Shabbat d'var (words of Torah) was entitled: "Rediscovering Our Ways of Reading: The Power of Jewish Interpretation, From Tradition to Today" and then at breakfast on Sunday morning, "Study Crucial Arguments about Zionism: New Perspectives". On the Saturday evening of the weekend, we had a games night in Berger Hall and a movie, "Thelma", in Founders with lovely desserts and schmooze!

Our Hearing Men's Voices program, coordinated by Norm Tabroff and Matt Zinno and supported by the dynamic bro-in law team of Art Newman and Howard Rothberg, is focused upon the Core Values of Temple Israel as identified in the recently completed strategic planning process: Community, Engagement, Inclusion, Joy (Simcha), Social Action (Tikkun Olam),

and Jewish Peoplehood (Klal Yisrael). Thank you to Rob Carver for leading our session on 1/23 and Elliot Feldman for leading on 2/6.

Once again, Jimmy Slovin secured Phil Perry of NBC Sports Boston for our Speaker Breakfast on the 26th. We commiserated on the mercifully completed Patriots season while looking forward to better times ahead!

February may be the shortest month of the year, but we held Jewish Routes with Rabbi Fineberg on the 2nd, HMV again on the 6th, Lift Your Spirits on the 8th—our 11th annual—World Wide Wrap now on March 9th, and our 42nd annual auction. Thank you to Noah Horowitz and Brian Brenner for leading




WWW and to Stephen Shrago and Jimmy Slovin for coordinating our auction.

And, in March, a new event sprung forth, our 1st annual Pickleball tournament on the 2nd at Martini's in Stoughton. Thank you to Jon Greenberg for working with me on the pickleball event.

And, on and on it goes...In March there is more HMV, more Routes, our annual Yellow Candle stuffing and mailing to support March of the Living—this year with an added treat of honoring one of our own, Aaron Kischel for his many years of dedication to the March.


And it all culminates in late April when we have a dinner to honor our--to be announced--Man of the Year!

B'shalom,
Gary Keimach, Brotherhood President




Voices From the Past... Lessons For The Future

5th Annual Virtual Tribute Event



The New England Friends March of the Living (NEFMOTL) is pleased to honor
Aaron Kischel
with the **Stephan Ross Excellence in Holocaust Education Award.**




March of the Living brings teens from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust, examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred...emerging as tomorrow's leaders for a just and compassionate world.

For over 15 years, Aaron has been a dedicated MOTL leader, passionately guiding students on this life-changing journey—honoring the past while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

All proceeds support the
NEFMOTL Teen Scholarship Fund.

Email tribute@motnewengland.org for questions.



Click here to watch the virtual event after March 25

To place your Tribute to Aaron click here

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A NIGHT IN BLACK & WHITE
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No temple membership required—everyone is welcome to join us!



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- Make sure the voice of the World Zionist Congress - the only democratic institution representing all of world Jewry - is a **voice for democracy and equality**. In 2023, MERCAZ led the charge to put the Jewish people around the world on record by passing a resolution against unilateral attempts to undermine Israel's democracy.
- Secure funding for **key civil society organizations** that are leading the fight for democracy, women's rights, LGBT equality, and religious pluralism in Israel.
- **Stop extremists** from using the billions of dollars at the discretion of the Zionist Congress as a piggy bank for their pet projects.

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Hazak

We are now half way through winter and looking forward to the warmth of spring when we will shed our winter jackets and boots and gaze at the beautiful daffodils and all of the spring flowers.

In February, we went to The Sharon Historical Society for a docent tour of the museum and Claire Forman, one of the Directors of the Museum presented the history of Sharon dating back to 1600's.

Save these dates!

Programming for the Spring and Summer offer a variety of interest!

March 6th at 7pm: Anthony Sammarco, a historian and author will share with us how Chuck and Doreen Bilezikan opened the first Christmas Tree Shop in Yarmouth and how it evolved into what it became. We are all familiar with the saying "Don't You Just Love a Bargain"

April 3rd at 7pm: John Clark will present "The Girls and The Girl Groups". Rock & Roll was dominated by male rockers but in 1958 to 1964 female singers spoke to the emotions of adolescent girls. We will learn and listen to the music of such singers as Connie Francis, Connie Stevens, Shelley Fabares, and Annette Funicello and song like

May 8th at 7pm: Jeff Calish will bring a change of pace to programming when he presents the Historic Synagogues of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan. He will share how the Jewish population moved to and from these neighborhoods over 150 years and how these synagogues served these communities.

June 12th at 7pm: we are excited to welcome President George and Martha Washington when they make a historic visit to Hazak. Martha Washington is portrayed by Sandy Wolkon Spector.

Be a Hazak Member! Be a Hazak Guest! Bring a Guest to a Hazak Program!

For more information email: hazak.susan@gmail.com.

Kol Tov,
Gloria, Harriet and Sue

Israeli Dancing

L'Dor v'Dor. From one generation to the next. It is wonderful to see the tradition of Israeli folk dancing carried down from parents to children. Avi Wald, the son of long-time folk dancers David Wald and Giselle Princz, recently taught us *Mechakot* (translation: Those Who Wait), a new Israeli folk dance. This beautiful dance was choreographed by Michael Barzilai in memory of Yaniv Sarudi who was murdered at the Supernova Music Festival on October 7th. The movements represent both feelings of sadness and also hope for the future.



Scan the QR code to check out the dance at home.

Temple Israel holds open Israeli Folk Dancing sessions from 8:00-9:30 PM on most Thursday evenings throughout the year. All ages and

levels of experience are welcome, whether you don't know a single step or have been dancing for years. Typically, we do easier dances and have some teaching in the first half of the evening, and intermediate/advanced dancing during the latter half. No partners are required as the dances are circle and line dances. Wear (or bring) dry, comfortable shoes. Suggested donation \$5 per session.

Contact Eric Pomerantz at ericpomer82@gmail.com to be added to our email list for weekly announcements or for any other questions about Israeli Folk Dancing at Temple Israel.

Sharon Community

Yom HaShoah

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



Wednesday, April 23 at 9pm
Temple Israel

Bereavement Support Group for the Sharon Jewish Community

Please join us for a six-session bereavement support group, facilitated by JF&CS Community Support Liaison, Talia Kesselman, MSW. This in-person group will provide a safe, empathetic, and validating space for participants to process their grief, share their grief and bereavement experiences with others, and receive meaningful support from peers. If you are looking for extra support, we would love to see you there.



Where:

Virtual via Zoom

When:

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., from February 27 to April 10

The group will not meet on Thursday, March 13, in observance of Purim.

To register, please contact Talia Kesselman:

tkesselman@jfcsboston.org

781-296-3518

Israel Engagement Committee

The Israel Engagement Committee recently hosted a memorable Israeli Kiddush gala on December 7, welcoming a distinguished speaker from Mercaz. As we continue our mission to deepen connections with Israel, we are thrilled to partner with the synagogue for an upcoming program featuring a speaker from *The Times of Israel*. Additionally, in collaboration with the Cultural Arts Committee, we are organizing a special concert showcasing the vibrant sounds of Israeli music. Stay tuned for more details—we look forward to sharing these enriching experiences with our community!

Do you have an idea for an upcoming program, or would you like to assist in organizing an event? Contact us at israelengagement@tisharon.org.

The Kiddish Committee is Looking for Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who may be interested in volunteering to help with Kiddish prep/set up please contact Bradley Nelson: bradnelson5774@gmail.com. No prior culinary experience is needed as Marty Grandberg is a fantastic teacher!

Baruch Dayan HaEmet May their memories be a blessing

Minna Goldstein

Beloved wife of Joel Goldstein and beloved mother of Ronnie (Jessica) Goldstein.

Morgan Eisner Doyon

Beloved daughter of Alan (Arlene z"l) Eisner.

Beatrice Taubenfeld

Beloved mother of Jane Taubenfeld Cohen (David Cohen).

Marlene Wise

Our beloved congregant.

Mary Saltamacchia

Beloved mother of our staff member, Joseph "Salty" Saltamacchia.

We Welcome New Members!

ANNE & REED SCHNEIDER

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MERCAZ USA Platform 2025

The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism

MERCAZ USA is the Zionist Organization of the American Conservative/Masorti Movement. At the next World Zionist Congress, MERCAZ USA will advocate for a strong and secure Israel rooted in the moral and spiritual vision of the Hebrew prophets—a society that celebrates democratic principles, embraces diverse Jewish traditions, and safeguards the rights, dignity and inclusion of all its citizens. As Israel recovers from October 7 and with antisemitism rising around the world, our mission is more critical than ever.

MERCAZ USA advocates for the following principles and goals:

- 1. Rebuilding Israel in the aftermath of October 7 and Supporting Our Hostages:** We will work to ensure the WZO and its affiliates help rebuild the communities devastated on October 7 and provide vital support to those who have been held hostage and their families.
- 2. Combating Antisemitism:** We direct resources into our communities to combat antisemitism and provide education that addresses the root causes of hate.
- 3. An Equitable and Inclusive Democracy in Israel:** We are committed to upholding democracy and civil rights for all in Israel and to including all Jews in the Zionist vision of a democratic Israel, especially with extremists seeking to take control and impose their will on us all.
- 4. Educating on Zionism and Addressing Misinformation:** We promote understanding of the Zionist vision, dispel misconceptions about Zionism, counter anti-Zionist actions, and challenge rhetoric that threatens Israel's safety and security.
- 5. Preserving a Pluralistic Jewish Society:** We envision a future where Jewish people of all backgrounds can realize the dream of a secure, pluralistic and democratic Israel with fair treatment of Jews and non-Jews who call Israel home, regardless of beliefs, gender or sexual orientation.
- 6. Strengthening the Bond Between American Jews and Israel:** We claim space for Conservative/Masorti Jews in the Zionist future and bring more resources into our communities to connect the next generation with Israel and their Jewish identity.
- 7. Funding, Resources, and Support for Conservative/Masorti Movement's Values:** We advocate for funding to enrich Jewish life in the U.S., including synagogue programming, comprehensive Israel education through Ramah and USY, and more. We will fight to secure government recognition of all streams of Judaism, implement the Kotel Agreement and oppose all attempts to restrict the Law of Return.
- 8. Achieving Peace and Stability in the Region:** We stand in support of the vision of an Israel integrated within the region and at peace with all its neighbors, including the Palestinians.

Endorsed by:

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- Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS)
- Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs (FJMC)
- The North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE)
- National Ramah Commission (Camp Ramah)
- Rabbinical Assembly (RA)
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ)
- Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ)
- Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies



MERCAZ USA Platform 2025

The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism

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Safety & Security Updates

Temple Israel remains a place where everyone can feel safe, secure, and welcomed. In pursuit of this goal, our clergy, administrative staff, and key lay leaders consistently participate in webinars, training sessions, and other educational opportunities while monitoring security notices, updates, and grant opportunities. They also receive regular updates from the Secure Community Network, ADL, CJP, and local and national law enforcement officials. Additionally, we continue to enhance our safety measures through ongoing staff training, emergency drills, and periodic updates to our best practices.

We are pleased to announce that Temple Israel has been awarded a 2025 FEMA Security Grant. This grant will fund security details for select special events, as well as the installation of additional security cameras, enhanced exterior lighting, fencing, and other measures to further solidify our community's security. Please note, however, that the status of all federal grants remains uncertain pending clarification of the new administration's policies. We are hopeful that this will be resolved soon so that we can access these important funds.

With everyone's continued support and vigilance, our community will remain strong and safe.

Alan Kritz & Ira Packer
Safety & Security Committee Co-chairs

MISHMAR: SHABBAT PRE-GAME

COMMUNAL SINGING, LEARNING, CHOLENT & L'CHAYIMS!



NEXT SESSION: THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 7:45PM

Prepare for Shabbat with warmth and energy at Mishmar, a night of soul-stirring melodies and communal singing! Whether you love harmonizing or just humming along, join us to fill the room with music, connection, and Shabbat-ready inspiration—plus enjoy some cholent and l'chayims to keep the spirit going!



Discover Jewish Music with Cantor Gloth

Virtual Lunch & Learn: Jewish Music & Humor
Thursdays, March 20 & April 3 at 12pm

**The Sounds of Eretz Yisrael in America:
1920s-1950s**
Thursdays, May 8 & 15 at 7:45pm

Community Calendar

Classes, Events, Services & More!

| March 2025 | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | | 1 Adar 1 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 5:06pm Ma'ariv, 6:17pm Brotherhood Poker Tournament, 7:30pm |
| 2 Adar 2 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Brotherhood Routes, 10am Youth Group Outing, 12pm Brotherhood Pickle Ball, 1pm | 3 Adar 3 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 4 Adar 4 Together & Apart, 7:45pm | 5 Adar 5 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 5:30pm Beginners Hebrew, 7:45pm Hearing Men's Voices, 7:45pm | 6 Adar 6 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hazak, 7pm Hazak, 7pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 7 Adar 7 Candle lighting, 5:23pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat, 5pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 8 Adar 8 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 5:14pm Maariv, 6:25pm |
| 9 Adar 9 World Wide Wrap, 8:30am Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Madrichim Training, 11:30am | 10 Adar 10 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 11 Adar 11 Lunch & Learn, 12pm | 12 Adar 12 Religious School: Gr. 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Beginners Hebrew, 7:45pm | 13 Adar 13 Erev Purim Shacharit, 6:45am Mincha, 6:30pm Ma'ariv & Megillah Reading, 7:20pm | 14 Adar 14 Purim Purim Shacharit & Megillah Reading, 6:15am Candle lighting, 6:31pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm | 15 Adar 15 Shushan Purim Shabbat Services/Bat Mitzvah of Talia Dubin, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 6:22pm Ma'ariv, 7:33pm |
| 16 Adar 16 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Purim Carnival, 10:30am Purim Shpiel & Seudah, 5pm | 17 Adar 17 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 18 Adar 18 Together & Apart, 7:45pm | 19 Adar 19 Religious School: Gr. 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Beginners Hebrew, 7:45pm | 20 Adar 20 Virtual Lunch & Learn with Cantor Gloth, 12pm Early Release Program 1-4, 12:30pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 21 Adar 21 Candle Lighting, 6:39pm Mishpacha Minyan, 6:15pm | 22 Adar 22 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha/Bar Mitzvah of Benny Rosenspan, 6:30pm Ma'ariv, 7:41pm |
| 23 Adar 23 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Brotherhood Board Meet- ing, 10am Social Action Awareness, 12:30pm | 24 Adar 24 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 25 Adar 25 Lunch & Learn, 12pm Brotherhood Presents: MOTL with Aaron Kischel, 7:30pm | 26 Adar 26 Religious School: Gr. 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm Beginners Hebrew, 7:45pm | 27 Adar 27 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre- game, 7:45pm | 28 Adar 28 Candle Lighting, 6:47pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 29 Adar 29 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 6:38pm Ma'ariv, 7:49pm |
| 30 Nisan 1 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Youth Group Outing, 12pm Keys & Cocktails, 7pm | 31 Nisan 2 Early Release Program 1-4, 12:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | | | | | |

Minyan Times*

Sunday: 9am & 7:15pm
Monday through Thursday:
 6:45am & 7:15pm

Federal Holidays:
 9:00am & 7:15pm
Friday: 6:45am

Shabbat morning: 9am
Shabbat mincha/maariv: In-person only
 (see calendar for times)

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:15pm

**Only those present at the Temple are counted for the Minyan, however online attendance fulfills the mitzvah of praying with a minyan.*

April 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Nisan 3 Together & Apart, 7:45pm | 2 Nisan 4 Religious School: Gr. 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm House Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Beginners Hebrew, 7:45pm Israel Engagement Committee, 8pm | 3 Nisan 5 Virtual Lunch & Learn with Cantor Gloth, 12pm Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hazak, 7pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 4 Nisan 6 Candle lighting, 6:55pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 5 Nisan 7 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 6:46pm Ma'ariv, 7:58pm |
| 6 Nisan 8 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Brotherhood Routes, 10am Family Passover Program, 10:30am | 7 Nisan 9 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 8 Nisan 10 Lunch & Learn, 12pm Young Family Passover Program, 5pm Hearing Men's Voices, 7:45pm | 9 Nisan 11 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45pm | 10 Nisan 12 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 11 Nisan 13 Candle lighting, 4:14pm Burning Hametz at TI, 8:25am Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm Erev Pesach Dinner, 7:30pm | 12 Nisan 14 Erev Pesach 11:39am Biur Hametz Candle Lighting, 8:06pm |
| 13 Nisan 15 Pesach No Religious School Pesach Shacharit, 9:30am Passover Kiddush, 11:15am Pesach Mincha, 1:18pm Candle Lighting, 8:07pm | 14 Nisan 16 Pesach Hertz Closed No Religious School | 15 Nisan 17 Chol Hamoed Pesach | 16 Nisan 18 Chol Hamoed Pesach Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 17 Nisan 19 Chol Hamoed Pesach Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre- Game, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 18 Nisan 20 Chol Hamoed Pesach Candle lighting, 7:11pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 19 Nisan 21 Pesach Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:13pm Maariv, 5:27pm |
| 20 Nisan 22 Pesach No Religious School Pesach Shacharit, 9am Yizkor, 10:30am (appx) | 21 Nisan 23 No Religious School Hertz Closed Make Your Voice Heard, Masorti Program, 7:45pm | 22 Nisan 24 Hertz Closed Lunch & Learn, 12pm | 23 Nisan 25 No Religious School Hertz Closed Yom HaShoah Community Event, 7:45pm | 24 Nisan 26 Yom HaShoah No Religious School Hertz Closed Israeli Dance, 8pm | 25 Nisan 27 Hertz Closed Candle lighting, 7:18pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 26 Nisan 28 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:09pm Ma'ariv, 8:24pm |
| 27 Nisan 29 No Religious School Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 9:30am Brotherhood Board Meeting, 10am Brotherhood Man of the Year, 6:15pm | 28 Nisan 30 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 29 Iyyar 1 Board Meeting, 7:45pm | 30 Iyyar 2 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Ritual Committee, 7:45pm | | | |



Too much to do before Pesach?

Let US handle dinner!

JOIN US FOR A STRESS-FREE
PRE-PESACH DINNER

Friday, April 11th at 7:30pm

DETAILS & REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

May 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | 1 Iyyar 3 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Adults Night Out - Challah at Me, 7:45pm | 2 Iyyar 4 Candle lighting, 7:26pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 3 Iyyar 5 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:17pm Ma'ariv, 8:32pm |
| 4 Iyyar 6 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration, 1pm | 5 Iyyar 7 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 6 Iyyar 8 Lunch & Learn, 12pm Together & Apart, 7:45pm | 7 Iyyar 9 Religious School 5-7 Hang Out, 11:30am Religious School Program 1-4, 12:30pm Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm House Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Israel Engagement Committee, 8pm | 8 Iyyar 10 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hazak, 7pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 9 Iyyar 11 Candle lighting, 7:34pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm Mishpacha Minyan, 6:15pm | 10 Iyyar 12 Shabbat Services/Volunteer & Board Appreciation Shabbat, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:24pm Ma'ariv, 8:41pm Sounds of Eretz Yisrael, 7:45pm |
| 11 Iyyar 13 Mother's Day Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Madrichim Training, 11:30am | 12 Iyyar 14 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 13 Iyyar 15 | 14 Iyyar 16 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Executive Committee, 7:45pm | 15 Iyyar 17 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 16 Iyyar 18 La B'Omer Candle lighting, 7:41pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 17 Iyyar 19 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:32pm Maariv, 8:50pm Sounds of Eretz Yisrael, 7:45pm |
| 18 Iyyar 20 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am | 19 Iyyar 21 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 20 Iyyar 22 Lunch & Learn, 12pm Together & Apart, 7:45pm | 21 Iyyar 23 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting, 7:45pm | 22 Iyyar 24 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre-Game, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 23 Iyyar 25 Candle lighting, 7:48pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 24 Iyyar 26 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:38pm Ma'ariv, 8:58pm |
| 25 Iyyar 27 No Religious School | 26 Iyyar 28 Memorial Day No Religious School Hertz/Office Closed | 27 Iyyar 29 | 28 Sivan 1 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Board Meeting, 7:45pm Annual Congregation Meeting, 7:45pm | 29 Sivan 2 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 30 Sivan 3 Candle lighting, 7:54pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 31 Sivan 4 Shabbat Services/Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Green, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 7:44pm Ma'ariv, 9:05pm |

Join Temple Israel for

YOUNG FAMILY PASSOVER PROGRAM

Tuesday | April 8, 2025 | 5:00PM-7:00PM



Children ages 2-5 and their families are invited to a special evening of community, learning, and hands-on fun as we prepare for Passover!

Highlights include:

- Searching for chametz
- Enjoying a delicious dinner
- Engaging activities for both parents and children





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