

The Rising Lion: Power Through the Struggle



ORI AKRISH
Executive Director

Over the past months, many in our community have reached out—not just to check on me and my family—but to share their deep concern for Israel and the people we care about. In Canton, our connection to Israel runs deep, especially through our partnership with the Western Galilee. With upcoming community trips planned, there's a real excitement about returning—to walk the land, reconnect with friends, and experience the culture and history firsthand. At the same time, that excitement is mixed with apprehension—questions about safety, uncertainty about what challenges lie ahead, and the latest worry of what we might find when we arrive.

Earlier this year, coming home from Israel, after witnessing both the strength and the struggles of its people, I felt a renewed sense of purpose and connection. It reminded me why these bonds matter so deeply—why standing together, even through difficult times, is essential. And not just for Israel—but for us in the diaspora as well. In communities like ours, where Jewish life can feel small or vulnerable, the pull to disengage when things get hard is real. But that's when we must lean in the most.

For nearly two years, Israel has lived under the shadow of war. What began in October 2023 as a response to horrific violence has evolved into something longer and more complex—a struggle not only on the battlefield, but within the heart of the nation. For those of us with ties to Israel, the anxiety has never fully disappeared. Now, as life tries to move forward, we're left with deeper questions about the cost of this conflict and about the kind of people and country we want to become. This is not just a conflict with Hamas or Iran; it has exposed painful divisions within Israeli society and throughout the Jewish world—between generations, ideologies, and competing visions of what it means to be a moral nation in an increasingly cynical world.

We see it among our friends and families—passionate, sometimes painful

debates—not about facts, but about values. We wrestle with whether ideals like democracy, human rights, and self-defense can truly coexist. Somewhere along the way, we seem to have forgotten how to live with complexity.

Israel was founded on a clear moral foundation. Though never perfect, it has always been guided by principle—an effort to balance Jewish values with liberal democracy and strength with restraint. We believed that striving to be good, even imperfectly, was still meaningful and necessary. Today, however, the world demands clear heroes and villains, and nuance often disappears. If Israel defends itself, it is labeled an aggressor. If it hesitates, it is seen as weak. If it acts decisively, it is branded a monster. And if it remains silent, it is considered complicit.

So what is the right path forward?

We must lead. Not because it is easy or popular. But because it is the right thing to do. Jewish tradition doesn't promise clear answers but asks us to act with conscience. And more than that—it demands we not give up on one another when the burden grows heavy. When Israel struggles, we do not turn away. When Jews in the diaspora feel isolated or disillusioned, we don't retreat—we reach out.

Now is not the time to give up on our people. Yes, we're scattered across

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SJN CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The following corrections to the article titled "Scroll No. 144" that appeared in the June/July 2025 issue of the Stark Jewish News were submitted by Hazzan Bruce Braun:

Para. 3: Since 1982, the Czech Torah scroll has been on loan to Shaaray Torah Synagogue, which bears responsibility for meeting the preservation, use, and display standards established by the Memorial Scrolls Trust. From 1982 until the building's temporary closure for renovations in 2011, the scroll was housed and exhibited at the synagogue. Upon the building's reopening in July 2012 and the subsequent relocation of the three organizations into the premises, the scroll was reinstalled in the lobby of the building, now known as Beit Ha'am, located at 432 30th St. N.W., Canton, Ohio.

Para. 8: The scroll was always on display at Shaaray Torah Synagogue and was never removed, except for the period from June 2011 – July 2012, during which the building underwent renovations.

Para. 12: Shirley Jacobs Lovett was Shirley Jacobs Richardson at the time that she co-wrote the inscription for the plaque with Claire Jacobson Quittman that is still on display with the scroll.

The following poem, written by Hazzan Braun's mother, Bertha Braun (Z'l) was referenced in his reprinted speech but was not included in the issue:

THE HOLOCAUST TORAH SPEAKS: SHE TELLS HER STORY - BY BERTHA BRAUN (Z'L)

Stop, my friend – before you go –
There's something important I want you to know.
I am here to greet you – dressed in my best.
I'm glad to be here – I am here for a rest,
To heal from a terrible ordeal.

I've been trod on – and trampled – scorched and burned.
I've slept in the mud – in darkness and blood.
From overseas I did arrive,
Sad, alone, but still alive.

We had been heaped together – a mountain high.
I was snatched from the flames and smoke.
My appearance was tragic –
But my spirit was strong – I never broke.

The year was 1982 when you took me off the plane.
I was so happy to see friends again.
It was a day of great celebration –
The joy of a people – the love of a Nation – "still alive!"
Greeting their Torah, which did survive!

I came from a little European town –
Does it matter what name?
There were hundreds of cities and towns
Whose fate was the same.
Tortured and murdered, my people and I.
Millions suffered, six million died.

In Europe the Cantor held me close to his chest –
His voice rang out – joined by the rest.
As he blessed G-d's name, he held me high;
His prayer and praise reached up to the sky.

And now I live here in this special case,
Surrounded by love in this beautiful place.
Please stop for a moment when you are in,
Spend a moment to reflect on where I've been.
You may be inspired by all the stories I have told.
And feel the power, the love, in the words that I hold.

Wrapping Up and Looking Forward



JOHN STRAUSS
CJCF President

In looking at my term as Federation President, I am also looking back to how I got started being involved with the Federation in the first place. Chris Lange, our Communications Director, asked me a few questions for a future article, but I am going to steal my answer to the first question here. “How did you get involved first in the Federation?”:

In the year 2000 or so, I met our first Israeli Shaliach, Tamir Porter in Canton. I had begun to learn Hebrew as an adult and was taking the next step in studying for my bar mitzvah with Rabbi Spitzer. I travelled to Israel with Rabbi and Tamir, on a Federation sponsored trip for my first visit there. I was reconnecting with my Judaism, and learning about our religion, history as a people and Israel. Tamir was the perfect partner to discuss and argue with in regard to religion (as he came from a secular anti-religious kibbutz movement) and learn about Israel from the perspective of a peacenik but also an ardent Zionist. Tamir originally visited Canton as part of an early Partnership2000 delegation (the predecessor to Partnership2gether) and so he also knew all about the Partnership with Israel. Through a mix of my friendship with Tamir, my stud-

ies with Rabbi Spitzer and my contact with the Partnership, I knew that the root of all these strands was essentially the Federation.

What I found in the Federation and the Partnership was a platform for friendship with people I did not necessarily know yet but shared a connection with. I felt at home in Israel and was also “adopted” by Tamir’s family. When I extended my stay after the Federation portion of the tour was over and stayed with Tamir, his Mother, Beba baked me a cake every day of my stay, even if I could barely eat a single piece. Several years later, I returned for her funeral as she had claimed I was her “fifth son”. When I say I was adopted, I don’t use the term only metaphorically. This began with a Federation sponsored trip and ended up with an extended family. My involvement followed with the Shaliach program as well as with our Partnership2gether. I found in the Federation a way to make Canton a much bigger place than it was and is and to connect me globally to our family in Israel as well as to fellow “family” members in Midwest cities that participated in our Partnership and community work.

My term as Federation President is soon coming to a close, with the annual meeting in September, so it is time to begin reflecting on what we have accom-

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What makes the Jewish people a people? We span continents, speak dozens of languages, and observe our traditions in many ways. Yet there is something unmistakable that binds us together: a shared sense of peoplehood that transcends time, place, and practice.

Jewish peoplehood is more than heritage or belief. It is a deep-rooted understanding that we are part of a story larger than ourselves. This story begins in ancient texts and continues in our communities today. It links Jews in Ohio with Jews in Israel, in Argentina, in Ukraine, and everywhere Jewish life takes root.

That connection is not always visible, but we feel it. We feel it when we sing the same melodies our ancestors sang. We feel it when we respond to the needs of Jews around the world. We feel it when we walk into a synagogue far from home and are still greeted as family.

Peoplehood does not mean uniformity. Jews disagree (shocking!), sometimes passionately. We hold diverse views, follow different customs, and come from different backgrounds. But we recognize one another as kin. That recognition sustains our resilience, fuels our responsibility, and reminds us that even in times of challenge, we do not stand alone.

Today, that sense of solidarity is more important than ever. As Israel endures the ongoing burdens of war and loss, we feel that pain across oceans. We may live far from the front lines, but we are not distant in spirit. Our connection compels us to stay informed, to speak out, to support those under threat, and to uphold the vision of a just and secure future for all who live in the land.

In a contemporary world that often emphasizes division, Jewish peoplehood affirms connection. It asks us to care not just for those we know, but for those we may never meet. It invites us to honor the past while building a shared future. As Jews in Stark County and across the region, we nurture those bonds: with one another, with Jews everywhere, and with the generations who came before us and those still to come.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CHADASH AND BROTHERHOOD AT RUBBER DUCKS GAME

The plan was for a day at the ballpark, and rain ended the game but not the fun. Chadash students and families enjoyed a get-together at Canal Park on June 26.



L to R: Harrison Taylor, Emsley Taylor, Britt Berringer, Kherington Berringer, Elliott Berringer, Ivah Parker, Abe Parker and Meredith Rothman

A MESSAGE FROM THE EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

On May 23, people attending Temple Israel's Sisterhood Shabbat service signed a card to the Israeli Embassy staff in Washington, DC following the terrorist attack that killed two of its employees who were attending an event with the local Jewish community. Embassy personnel sent a handwritten thank you note.





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plished over the last nearly two years. My first task was to replace Bonnie Manello as Executive Director for the Federation as she retired at the end of 2023. Ori Akrish was selected by myself and a committee of very astute volunteers, including Bob Friedman z"l, Leslie Nelson, Meade Perlman and Laura Goldman. I think we really hit the mark with Ori, as he has been growing into the job and getting to know the community and has been leading with distinction since then.

Of course, during my entire tenure, we have been dealing with the events surrounding Oct 7th, which have included rising anti-Semitism in the US, military victories in the Middle East by Israel, but also a huge P.R. problem attached to the response in Gaza and questions about Netanyahu's role in achieving freedom for the hostages that remain. We have seen Hezbollah and Hamas decimated, and Iran attacked in such a way that at least a psychological blow has been dealt to the Iranian regimes' confidence and plan to attack Israel, if not a military blow. But the question still remains as to how the region gets back to a peaceful existence and when to expect that. All of these questions have been on our community's mind and have influenced our work at the Federation. Security has been tightened, and we have never lost sight of the threats that are out there. We also have extended our hearts and homes to our friends in the Partnership2gether program with visits in the Spring, and another coming up in September from the head of Emergency medicine at the Western Galilee Hospital, Dr. Khalid Attalah. We are being told all the time that our friendship with Israelis is valued and essential to their surviving these last couple of years. Wouldn't you want to have friends to call upon in the World, should we be suffering from attacks here?

We have also been examining our financials and cleaning up our bookkeeping as well as searching for a longer-term solution to our bookkeeping needs. Since the beginning of this year, we have had tremendous volunteer help from retired CPA Stan Sherman, as well as yeoman's work from Patti Green. We are in a much better place with the information that we share with the Board and being able to assess our financial health. This has allowed us to also be more transparent with the Board, which in turn allows the Board to perform their fiduciary duty. Our changing and evolving bookkeeping situation has reverberated following the retirement of Vicki Kline at the end of 2023 as well. Stay tuned as this will be still

sorted out over the next few months.

We had yet another retirement in Karen Phillippi, our communications director, this year. Karen had worked for the Federation for nearly two decades. In Karen's place, we hired Christine Lange, who has really picked up the slack and learned the new position quickly and admirably. We are lucky to have found Chris, and Ori deserves all the credit for filling this position. Our communications are evolving, including placing the Stark Jewish News online on our website (special call-out if you are reading this on the website!) and we are also responsive to those who have told us that they still like having a physical paper in their homes. We continue to explore partnerships with Akron and Cleveland to make our communications more efficient. The July Board meeting will include a discussion regarding whether it makes sense to keep printing a community directory. We will weigh security and privacy considerations as well the economic realities of the cost of publishing this resource.

Speaking of partnerships, Akron and Canton are currently embarking on a shared community representation in our Partnership2gether. Following meetings with Akron's leadership, the professional and volunteers in the Partnership both in the US and in Israel, it had been decided that this partnership as a community makes sense for everyone involved. It makes sense that delegations that come to Northeast Ohio visit both communities. Sharing the responsibilities will make it easier for Canton to participate, both in available volunteers and financially, lowering our costs. Look for more involvement, and more Partnership programs, as well as more opportunities for us to partner with Akron.

Lastly, we are going to be working on plans for the future of our community. We will be getting some outside advice from the National Federation organization, JFNA, and putting our heads together in leadership. Our community is not getting larger, and dollars, as well as volunteers, are shrinking in numbers. If you want to see a vibrant Federation represent the community, it is up to you to volunteer and give generously. Our upcoming campaign is the closest thing we have to a community referendum. It will be your turn to "vote" when you are called upon to give or to volunteer or to attend an event.


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CHRIS LANGE

Thaddeus Stabholz and the Seven Hells

Peggy Stabholz, Case Manager for Jewish Family Services, was keenly aware from an early age that there was something “different” about her family.

She and her younger sister, Liz, were raised in the picturesque town of Fremont, Ohio, roughly 40 miles southeast of Toledo. The siblings were well-cared for and fiercely protected by their parents. Still, a palpable sense of dread and foreboding hung over

the Stabholz home like a heavy mantle.

Peggy's parents, Thaddeus and Eva, emigrated from Poland to the U.S. in 1948. They were a typical couple of the 1950s: Thaddeus was a successful physician with a busy medical practice and Eva was a homemaker focused on raising her two young daughters. Their Central European origins were easily identified by the distinctive patterns and formal cut of their clothing, which differed starkly from the casual, sporty look favored in post-war America. The forward resonance and devoiced consonants in their manner of speech also gave them away.

“My parents were the only people in our community who spoke with an accent,” Peggy said, adding that she was often called upon as a child to serve as a translator for her parents.

Neighbors would likely have described her family as unfailingly polite but distant; the Stabholzes kept to themselves.

“There were no neighborhood barbecues, no birthday celebrations, and no photographs in our house” Peggy said.

There were, however, secrets - muted conversations between her parents that ended abruptly when Peggy entered the room and the haunted look that transformed Eva's face when she thought no one was watching.

There were also unsettling moments when Thaddeus, seemingly apropos nothing, took Peggy aside and urged her to “trust no one.”

She learned to dread the nighttime, losing count of the number of times she was jolted out of sleep by a primordial scream coming from her parents' bedroom, leaving her breathless and frightened.

“Sometimes it sounded like my mother's voice and sometimes my father's,” she said.

Several other things puzzled her, like the markings on her father's forearm that never washed off.

“When I was quite young, I asked my father about the numbers on his arm,” Peggy said. “He told me that it was our phone number, which he had written on his arm so he wouldn't forget it.”

One day at school, Peggy overheard a classmate talking excitedly about a weekend visit with her grandparents.

“I had never heard the word ‘grandparent’ before, so when I got home from school that day, I asked my mother what it meant,” Peggy recalled. “She burst into tears.”

When Peggy was in the sixth or seventh grade, her father suggested that she watch program on television about the Holocaust. The pieces of the puzzle finally began to click together. Eva and Thaddeus were Holocaust survivors.

Thaddeus Stabholz had been studying medicine at the University of Warsaw in Poland when the war began in 1939.

It wasn't long before he found himself rounded up with other Jews and sent to the infamous Warsaw Ghetto. It was there that Thaddeus became part of the Resistance.

The men were subjected to forced labor, but families did their best to create a sense of normalcy for their children as an act of defiance. There were schools, five theaters, and a symphonic orchestra in the ghetto. There was also an underground hospital, where Thaddeus worked as a doctor

Then the Nazis came.

“My father told me that when the Nazis arrived, food rations began to dwindle,” she said. Starvation quickly set in. My father watched helplessly as the bodies of his friends and neighbors piled up in the streets.” This was what Thaddeus would later describe in his autobiographical book, “Seven Hells,” as the “first hell.”

He entered the second hell when he was transferred to the Treblinka extermination camp on the Warsaw-Białystok line. He would be relocated to other extermination camps several more times. By the war's end, he had endured – and miraculously survived – Majdanek, Birkenau, Sachsenhausen, Auschwitz, and Dachau. Seven hells in total, which inspired the title of his book.

Journalist Gary Brown interviewed Thaddeus Stabholz about “Seven Hells” in the 1990s. The article was published in the Canton Repository and reprinted in April 2025 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Dachau.

“Stabholz emerged from Dachau at the end of April 1945 weighing less than 80 pounds,” Brown wrote. “He was too weak to stand in the woods to which he had escaped and was found hiding and barely able to speak by American soldiers.”

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Thaddeus and Peggy Stabholz

Federation Welcomes Israeli Emergency Medicine Expert to Annual Meeting



JESSICA WHITEHILL

The Canton Jewish Federation is thrilled to welcome to Canton Dr. Khaled Attala, the director of the emergency department at Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, Israel. Attala will be the guest speaker at the Federation's Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Beit Ha'am.

The program is free and open to the community and will be followed by a dessert and coffee reception.

GMC is significant for a number of reasons. It's one of the largest and fastest-growing medical centers in Israel and serves a community of 650,000 diverse Western Galilee residents. And with a location fewer than 10 miles from Israel's northern border with Lebanon, GMC has been the site for casualties of

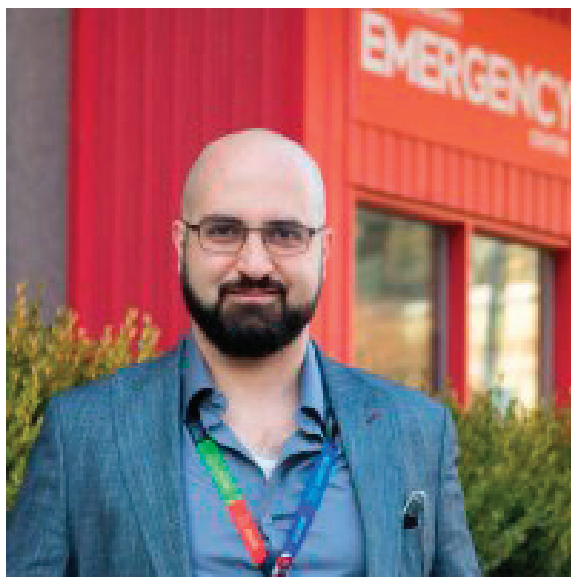
conflict for both civilians and Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers. During the 2006 Lebanon War, the facility took a direct hit. Since then, GMC has built an underground emergency department. GMC also treated victims of the Syrian war in 2013. Those experiences have made GMC one of the most experienced Israeli hospital facilities for treating complex war injuries.

Atalla has served as GMC's Emergency Department director since April 2022 and has been a senior physician there since 2021.

He became interested in emergency medicine during his internal medicine residency, and he subsequently performed a residency in the field at GMC from 2016 to 2019. During this residency, he also worked as a clinical instructor at the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine at Bar Ilan University in Safed, Israel. Following his emergency medicine residency, Atalla completed a year of emergency medicine fellowship training and an additional six months of extra fellowship training focused on emergency medicine leadership at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He was among the first cohort of fellows to complete the Mount Sinai Emergency Medicine Fellowship, which is a cooperative initiative developed between the Israeli Ministry of Health, Sinai Health Systems and Mount Sinai's Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute (SREMI).

Atalla is an Arab citizen of Israel who was born to a Christian family. He lives with his family in Nes-Ammim, a village founded in 1964 by European Christians as a sign of solidarity with the Jewish people after the Holocaust.

More information about the Annual Meeting will be made available at jewishcanton.org in the coming weeks.



Dr. Khaled Attala

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cities and countries. Yes, things are complex. But we belong to a people that has survived—and thrived—not by walking away when things get hard, but by doubling down on who we are and what we believe. Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh—all of Israel is responsible for one another. That doesn't end at a border or a disagreement.

Israel is far from perfect. But it cannot be morally equated with regimes that glorify terror, silence dissent, and indoctrinate hatred. We should not pretend otherwise in order to win favor with public opinion. Appeasement will not bring peace; moral clarity might. At the same time, we must also look inward. Within Israel and within our own communities, divisions are growing. We argue within echo chambers and mistake certainty for conviction. We have stopped extending each other the benefit of the doubt.

Judaism teaches us a better way. Machloket l'shem shamayim—a disagreement for the sake of heaven—distinguishes sincere, constructive debate from harmful conflict. It encourages us to engage in honest, respectful disagreement, trusting that growth and truth come through passionate yet purposeful struggle. We may not agree on every policy or political stance, but we can agree that the values on which Israel was founded—justice, freedom, dignity—are worth defending and worth the discomfort of continued conversation.

As a diaspora community, we have a role to play—not only in supporting Israel, but in supporting each other. When things are difficult, the temptation to disengage is strong. But this is when our presence matters most. Our strength has always come from unity, not uniformity. When we continue to show up—for each other, for our values, and for our shared future—we embody the very resilience that has carried our people through every generation.

We may never all agree on the meaning of this war, and the world may often misunderstand us. But we can live with that. Sometimes, doing what is right means being misunderstood. Until history can judge us fairly, we keep showing up—for each other, for our people, and for a future that remains worth fighting for.

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The following is an excerpt from the book:

"One night a terrible, invisible power paralyzed me, then seized me and effortlessly brought me back to Birkenau. For a while I stood on the ramp between Crematoria 11 and 111. How could I forget the sight of those gray buildings with their few small, barred windows and their two huge chimneys belching fire to the sky?

"Before I knew it, I was placed in the middle of a cavernous gas chamber. The ceiling lights were blinding. I heard the heavy steel doors slam and the iron bolts screeching as they were turned and tightened, sealing the doors. The light was switched off; it was pitch black. A desperate voice screamed. 'Gas! They're going to kill us!' My heart pounded wildly. Thousands of red-hot needles pierced my chest. I gasped for breath. I knew that I was about to die. With my heart still beating violently, I awoke. I lay in a pool of sweat."

Stabholz also wrote about a chance encounter that he credits with saving his life. When he was transferred from Majdenek to Auschwitz II, he came face to face with a Polish doctor who recognized him from medical school. The doctor, a non-Jew who was there for medical work, managed to persuade authorities to allow Stabholz to work alongside him as a camp nurse.

Thaddeus described the morning that followed his rescue by American soldiers, whom he refers to as "saviors."

"We wake up in clean beds to find ourselves washed and shaved. We do

not know exactly what happened to us. I overhear someone saying that two American ambulances picked us up and that there was some gunfire. I close my eyes and for the first time in many years, I go to sleep peacefully."

While Thaddeus found purpose and, to some extent, healing by writing his book, Eva Stabholz would find no such solace.

"My mother lived in the tiny town of Stopnica when the war began," Peggy said. "When the Nazis started searching for Jews in her neighborhood, she hid with my grandmother and some of their neighbors in a nearby graveyard." According to Peggy, something had prompted Eva to run back to her home. "When she returned to the graveyard, she found that her mother and all of the others had been murdered – gunned down in a spray of Nazi bullets."

Eva would never recover from the trauma.

"Seven Hells" went out of print years ago and is now nearly impossible to find, making the copy that Peggy's father gave to her all the more cherished.

"I was very proud of my father," she said. "Despite the pain of reliving the horrors of the camps, he made it his mission to honor the heroes whom he credits with his survival, remember those who perished, and to educate people about the devastating consequences of allowing prejudice to take root and spread."

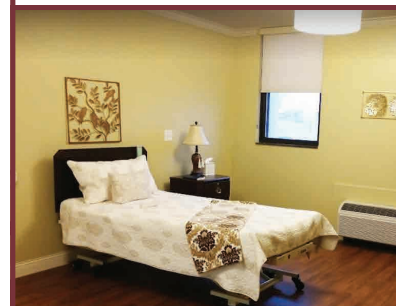
The dedication page of "Seven Hells" reads: "To my daughters Peggy and Betty [Liz] with the hope that they may always live in freedom."

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Temple Israel Programming

JEWISH DILEMMAS ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Registration is open for 7-session adult education course led by Rabbi David Komerofsky, exploring the essential tensions at the heart of Jewish life, belief, and identity. Classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Beit Ha'am. They will be held weekly through Nov. 19.

We will dive into a core “Jewish dilemma” — a pair of ideas that may seem in conflict but together shape the richness and complexity of Jewish thought and experience.

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- How do we honor tradition while embracing change?
- Can doubt live alongside faith?
- Is Judaism a religion, a people, or both?
- How do we survive with integrity in a complicated world?
- What role does lament play in a hopeful tradition?
- What does it mean to be free, and how does that come with responsibility?

Open to learners of all backgrounds and levels, this course invites you into the deep conversations that have sustained and challenged Jews for generations, and asks what these dilemmas mean for us today. There is no charge for the course.

Register at www.templeisraelcanton.org/adult-education. Please note that there will be no classes on days that the administrative offices are closed. A detailed class schedule is available on the registration page.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Temple Israel is again offering in-person/Zoom Introduction to Judaism class, with the next term beginning Sunday, October 5, 2025. The class will meet eight 8 Sundays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Rabbi David Komerofsky, this course introduces the basics of Jewish thought and practice. Interfaith couples, non-Jews considering conversion, and Jews looking for adult-level basics will find it meaningful. A mix of study, discussion and practical experiences, the course is designed for those interested in exploring a Jewish life. Topics include Jewish holidays, life-cycle events, theology, prayer, Israel, and history.

The course is open to all, no prerequisites, just your curiosity. This course can count towards the classwork component for the conversion process with Temple Israel for those taking the class locally.

Register at www.templeisraelcanton.org/intro.

TEMPLE ISRAEL PLANNING TRIP TO ISRAEL IN 2026

“Israel Through the Eyes of Klal Yisrael” will be led by Rabbi David Komerofsky from February 23 - March 3, 2026. A Few highlights of the trip will include: Jerusalem, The Old City and Western Wall, Yad Vashem, a Shabbat experience at Hebrew Union College, Tel Aviv, ANU Museum of the Jewish People, Jaffa, Masada, The Dead Sea, Tsfat, Galilee, Western Galilee, and more.

The educational focus of this trip is global Jewish peoplehood through a Reform lens. If you are interested to learn more and get updates when registration is live, contact Rabbi Komerofsky at rabbi@templeisraelcanton.org or 330-445-2406.





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Life Cycle Events

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Pacey Lior Kanfer, born on June 1, 2025. Proud parents are Sara and Jaron Kanfer of Miami, Florida. Proud grandparents are Barbara and Bob Ferne and Joe Kanfer and Margie Moskovitz, and Pam Kanfer (z"l). Proud great-grandmother is Shirley Lockshin.

Avery Laine Worthington, born on June 16, 2025. Proud parents are Dara and Christopher Worthington of Hilliard, Ohio. Proud grandparents are Bryan and Marcie Hecht.

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	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 2	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Sunday, August 3		Tish'a B'Av
Wednesday, August 6	9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Breakfast with Rabbi Komerofsky
	3:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Jane Zoldan Annual Blood Drive
Friday, August 8	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 9		Tu B'Av
	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Monday, August 11	7:00 P.M.	Past Presidents' Meeting
Friday, August 15	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 16	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Tuesday, August 19	7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Temple Board meeting
Friday, August 22	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 23	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Thursday, August 28	2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.	Yiddish Class
Friday, August 29	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 30	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service

SEPTEMBER		
Monday, September 1		Admin Offices closed for Labor Day
Friday, September 5	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 6	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Wednesday, September 10	7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Adult Ed: Jewish dilemmas
Friday, September 12		Emsley Taylor Bat Mitzvah Oneg
	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 13	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
	10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.	Emsley Taylor Bat Mitzvah
Sunday, September 14	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Chadash
Tuesday, September 16	7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	Temple Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 17	7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Adult Ed: Jewish dilemmas
Thursday, September 18	7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	CJCF Annual Meeting
Friday, September 19	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 20	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 21	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Chadash
Monday, September 22		Erev Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, September 23		Administrative offices closed for Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 24		Administrative offices closed for Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 25	2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.	Yiddish Class
Friday, September 26	5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	TI Oneg Shabbat
	6:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	TI Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 27	10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	ST Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 28	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Chadash



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Friday, August 1

Mincha & Kabbolas
Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:22 p.m.
Sunset 8:40 p.m.

Saturday, August 2

Shabbos Parshas Devorim
Shabbos Chazon
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 2:07 p.m.
EREV TISHA B'AV (Fast begins) 8:39 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:26 p.m.
Maariv 9:35 p.m.

Kinos/Eicha (The Book of Lamentations) 9:45 p.m.

Sunday, August 3

TISHA B'AV – FAST OF AV
Shacharis 8:00 a.m.
Tallis and Tefilin are not put on in the morning

Midday 1:31 p.m.

Mincha 2:06 p.m.

Fast ends 9:12 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5

Mishnah class via Zoom
4:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 7

Torah class (Isaiah) via
Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, August 8

Mincha & Kabbolas
Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:14 p.m.
Sunset 8:32 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

TU B'AV
Shabbos Parshas
Va'eschanan
Shabbos Nachamu
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:05 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:17 p.m.

Maariv 9:25 p.m.

Havdalah 9:43 p.m.

Sunday, August 10

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class
via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 12

Mishnah class via Zoom
4:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 14

Torah class (Isaiah) via
Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, August 15

Mincha & Kabbolas
Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 8:05 p.m.
Sunset 8:23 p.m.

Saturday, August 16

Shabbos Parshas Eikev
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 2:03 p.m.

Shabbos ends 9:06 p.m.

Maariv 9:15 p.m.

Havdalah 9:33 p.m.

Sunday, August 17

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class
via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 19

Mishnah class via Zoom
4:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 21

Torah class (Isaiah) via
Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, August 22

Mincha & Kabbolas
Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:54 p.m.
Sunset 8:12 p.m.

Saturday, August 23

Shabbos Parshas Re'eh
Shabbos Mevorchim
Chodesh
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45

a.m.

Molad for the month of
Elul: Shabbos (August 23)
11:26 p.m. + 6 chalakim
Earliest Mincha 2:02 p.m.

Shabbos ends 8:55 p.m.
Maariv 9:10 p.m.

Havdalah 9:24 p.m.

Sunday, August 24

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class
via Zoom 11:00 a.m.
First Day Rosh Chodesh
Elul

Monday, August 25

Second Day Rosh Chodesh
Elul

Tuesday, August 26

Mishnah class via Zoom
4:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 28

Torah class (Isaiah) via
Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, August 29

Mincha & Kabbolas
Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:44 p.m.
Sunset 8:02 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

Shabbos Parshas Softim
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:45 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 1:59 p.m.

Shabbos ends 8:43 p.m.

Maariv 9:00 p.m.

Havdalah 9:13 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class
via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

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Friday, August 1

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *
Candles 8:26 p.m.

Saturday, August 2

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.
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Zoom)

Erev Tisha B'Av: Maariv
8:45 p.m. followed by the
reading of The Book of
Lamentations - Eicha

Monday, August 4

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, August 5

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Wednesday, August 6

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Thursday, August 7

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Friday, August 8

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *
Candles 8:18 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.
(In-Person; Live Stream;
Zoom)

Monday, August 11

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, August 12

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Wednesday, August 13

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Thursday, August 14

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Friday, August 15

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *
Candles 8:09 p.m.

Saturday, August 16

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.
(In-Person; Live Stream;
Zoom)

Monday, August 18

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, August 19

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Wednesday, August 20

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Thursday, August 21

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Friday, August 22

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *
Candles 7:59 p.m.

Saturday, August 23

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.
(In-Person; Live Stream;
Zoom)

Monday, August 25

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, August 26

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Wednesday, August 27

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Thursday, August 28

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. *
Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *

Friday, August 29

Evening Services 5:30 p.m. *
Candles 7:48 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.
(In-Person; Live Stream;
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Friday, August 8

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
Led by Rabbi David
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Friday, August 15

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
Led by Rabbi David
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Friday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
Led by Rabbi David
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Friday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
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Use Leftover Challah to Make Delicious Bread Pudding



MARY DONNA
RUBIN

Hi, Everyone! I sincerely hope that all of you enjoyed the previous recipe I shared with you, Darrell Vanest’s Roasted Vegetables. I also hope that some of you even tried your own version of Darrell’s recipe!

Today’s recipe I am sharing with you is my version of Challah Bread Pudding. On Shabbat, we all eat challah. The next day, we usually eat challah again! Then, the question becomes, “What do I do with the leftover challah?” Challah can be frozen and used

to make French toast, but I think that bread pudding made with leftover challah is the best!

Darrell and I made challah bread pudding as a “little plus” to our kiddush luncheons. Darrell would tear the challah into little cubes, (the time-consuming part), as I combined and prepared the “sauce” for the bread pudding. The first time that I made bread pudding without Darrell’s assistance, I truly missed his help. So “thank you again, Darrell”, for the wonderful memory. I think that we all miss Darrell more and more as time passes. I am mentioning you again, Darrell, because every Kiddush dish has your name on it!



SEND US YOUR FAVORITE BRISKET RECIPE

The High Holidays are soon approaching. Rosh Hashanah begins on the Eve of September 22 and ends September 24. Since brisket is the main course of the traditional meal at Rosh Hashanah, Christine and I are asking you to share your favorite brisket recipe with all of us.

Please submit your favorite brisket recipe to Christine Lange (Christine@JewishCanton.org) no later than **September 2, 2025!**

Your recipe will be published in the Stark Jewish News.



BASIC CHALLAH BREAD PUDDING

BAKE TIME: 1 HOUR



Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of challah, cubed
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 6 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Optional

- Butterscotch, dark, or milk chocolate chips
- Fresh fruit, whipped cream, or Cool Whip for serving

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Evenly spread cubed challah in a greased 9x13 cake pan. (Note: Note: You can add 3/4 to 1 cup of butterscotch, chocolate, or white chocolate chips to the mixture before baking and sprinkle more chips over the top, if desired.)

Sauce

Whisk the eggs, then add the sugar until well blended. Next, add the milk and mix. Continue mixing, and add the heavy whipping cream, followed by the melted butter. Finally, add vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix these ingredients until thoroughly blended.

Pour the sauce mixture over the cubed challah. Soak thoroughly until all pieces are covered with the sauce. Let this set for a few minutes. Then, carefully stir this mixture, making sure that all pieces are covered with the sauce. Let this set for about two minutes.

Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Uncover, and bake for an additional 30 minutes, but be careful not to allow the bread pudding to get too brown on top. Remove from oven. Allow to cool for 15 minutes. Slice in squares. Serve warm. Enjoy!