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– by Judy
Bobrow



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Rabbi Wine on cartoons, controversies & consequences

Rabbi Kolton on thinking positively

Judi Freund on fiction (and fact)

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JUDY BOBROW

President's Perspective

Enjoying Being Jewish

Borrowing Jody Schechter's description of her feelings about the Birmingham Temple School, quoted in last month's *Jewish Humanist*, I learned how to "enjoy being Jewish" in 1971 when my parents decided to spend Passover with friends in Florida. Although my sister and I encouraged them to go, we felt peculiarly orphaned. To conduct the Seder without their guidance was a significant rite of passage.

So it was with some anxiety that I began preparations for the first Bobrow Passover Seder. How could I cook all that gefilte fish and bake a sponge cake that didn't fall down? Did I have enough chairs and dishes? Who would we invite? Where were the Haggadahs? It was at this point that my sons—12, 11 and 9—got in the act and as usual, taught me something important.

"You know, mom," they said, "Passover at grandma's and grandpa's is always so boring." They were learning about Passover in Hebrew school and picked up on the idea that it was important for each family to develop their own Passover traditions. "Since it is going to be at our house this year," they continued, "can't we at least use a different Haggadah?"

"What?" I said. "Give up the Manischewitz Haggadah?" What an idea!

My search for the perfect Haggadah in those pre-Google days took me to the library, the Jewish bookstore, the Hebrew school and to friends' bookshelves. The one I chose was used by a local congregation for its elementary school-age children. The pages, with black type on white paper and simple drawings, were stapled together. What it lacked in beauty was made up for by the simplicity and accessibility of the language. Most important, my children approved. Together with my husband, they carefully read through the Haggadah, choosing an appropriate part for each person to read during the Seder. We added poems, songs and explanations from other sources.

As our guest list grew, my sister and I shared the

food preparations and found the dishes, platters, silverware, etc. that we needed. My husband moved furniture to accommodate everyone around one t-shaped table. Joining us at that first Bobrow Family Seder was an eclectic group of people that included my sister, brother-in-law and their two children; an Israeli family that had just moved into the neighborhood; a newly divorced Catholic friend of mine with her two children; a visiting African-American sales rep who was in town working with my husband; and a Jewish Orthodox friend of the family and a friend of his. As I looked around the table that night at all the smiling, attentive faces, I recognized that "to enjoy" is a vital part of being Jewish. The following year, my mother made the gefilte and the sponge cake and brought it to our house for the Seder.

My family has maintained the traditions established that first year and added some new ones along the way. As our children grew, our guest list expanded to include their college friends and extended family. We developed the Bobrow Family Haggadah that includes illustrations by all the children in the family. Among the readings included are selections from the SHJ's *Humanist Haggadah*. Recently my grandchildren wrote and performed a Passover play that tells the story of the Exodus.

No longer in one place sitting around the t-shaped table in Huntington Woods, we are sometimes together and sometimes separated by miles at tables in West Bloomfield, Pinckney, Ann Arbor, Charlotte, Los Angeles and San Diego. Each in our own way, we build on the old traditions with new adaptations to fit new lives in new places—in true Humanist fashion.

This year will be Eliana Grace Bobrow's first Passover and she is making the trip here with her parents to enjoy Passover traditions with her aunts, uncles and cousins. We will use the Bobrow Family Haggadah.

I wish you all a joyful Passover, celebrated with your own family traditions. □



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Judy Bobrow
President

Mystery! Disappearance of Some Temple Humanists

(Magazines, that is)

A cry for help from the Archives Committee! Some copies of our monthly "Humanists" have mysteriously disappeared.

You can replace our loss by contributing a copy of the following issues: August 2003, December 2004, January 2005, and February 2005

Your gift will enable the Archives Committee to assemble a complete collection.

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SHERWIN WINE

Very Fine Wine

Cartoons and Consequences

Denmark is a country famous for its prosperity and freedom. For Jews, the Danes are the heroes of the Holocaust tragedy, risking their lives to save Jews from Nazi hands. In recent years, over 200,000 Muslims were welcomed to Denmark as immigrants. These new arrivals were not happy with the culture they encountered. Feminism, gay marriage and public pornography did not fit into their view of morality. Confrontation was inevitable.

Fleming Rose, the culture editor of the liberal *Jutland Post*, resented the conservatism of the Muslim clergy who were mobilizing their followers to intimidate liberal journalists all over Europe. He was, in particular, annoyed by the refusal of Danish artists to illustrate an innocuous book about the life of Mohammed out of fear that any picture of the prophet would offend the Muslim community. Well-known for his boldness, he commissioned 12 cartoonists to draw 12 cartoons about Mohammed in response to this self-censorship. He obviously did not understand the consequences of this decision.

The cartoons appeared on September 30, 2005. They ridiculed the fanaticism of Mohammed and his Muslim devotees. While the response from the local Muslims was negative, it was not dramatic. But one Danish Muslim mailed the cartoons to Muslim scholars and imams all over the Muslim world. The upshot was the explosion of February 3. Riots broke out in Gaza, Damascus, Beirut and Teheran. Danish flags were burned. Danish embassies were assaulted. Danish products were boycotted. Since the mobs believed that Denmark was controlled by America and the Jews, American and Israeli flags were also violated. For the next month, chaos prevailed in the centers of dozens of Muslim cities. Violence erupted. People were killed.

The Danes were appalled. They live in a secular liberal society which makes freedom an ultimate virtue. Every opinion is freely expressed. Every life style is easily tolerated. Every religion is ridiculed with impunity. If Jesus and Moses are mocked, why not Mohammed? Freedom of speech is a basic value.

Anger was reinforced by resentment. Who were these Muslim foreigners to come into our country and to try to undermine our culture? They had already committed violence in France, England and Holland. Many Danish liberals were frightened. What did the growing Muslim presence in Denmark and in Europe mean for the future? They were especially annoyed because so many of them had championed the Palestinians against the Israelis. The response from many Danish and European newspapers was defiance. The cartoons were

reprinted in France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, and even in Jordan.

In the end, the Danish government apologized, Rose took a leave of absence from his newspaper and the editors of two 'culprit' newspapers were fired. But the controversy did not die down. It triggered a profound reaction in Europe and the free world. Conservatives denounced continuing Muslim immigration. Liberals called for resistance to Muslim intimidation. They claimed that the trouble had been stirred up by opportunistic Muslim politicians – and that the sacred principle of free speech was endangered by ignorant religious fanatics. Any concession to these 'enemies of freedom' would be catastrophic, especially since they 'hypocritically' reserve their right to mock Christians, Jews and the Holocaust.

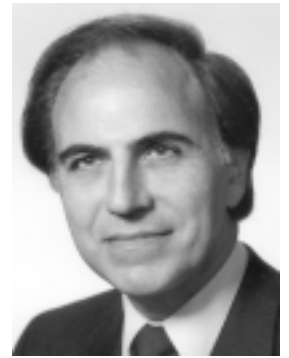
This raises the following questions: Were the apologies wrong? Was the refusal of most western newspapers to reprint the 'offensive' cartoons a cowardly surrender to a tyrannical enemy? Was this a lost opportunity to offer resistance to a growing, dangerous power?

Let me say, from the start, that I am a classical liberal, that I firmly believe in the importance of free speech as a reinforcement of personal dignity and as a fundamental requirement for the discovery of truth. I champion a secular liberal society in which the right of any individual to freely express his opinions – even when they are offensive to many – is defended by government authority against the mob. I am reluctant to impose any censorship on personal expression, even in war time.

But I do not believe in absolute rights, rights that exist independent of social consequences. I am a 'consequentialist', believing that the rightness of an action lies in good results, not in some intrinsic merit. The right to offend others only exists when the purpose of speech is to say something that you believe. If the purpose is simply to provoke others, especially when that provocation may lead to violence and death, that right does not exist. Ridiculing others publicly, for the pleasure of it, has no moral justification.

The new 'global village' is a very fragile world. People of dynamically opposed cultures discover that they share the same neighborhood. Secular liberal culture is something new. It has no deep roots in human evolution. Traditional religious cultures – whether Christian, Jewish or Muslim – are not tolerant and do not value personal freedom. Over the last 300 years, a culture of individual freedom evolved in Western Europe and North America. It took three centuries before

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TAMARA KOLTON

Thoughts from the Rabbi

I Want to Have a Great Funeral

I spend a lot of time learning about people's legacies. When people die, I sit with their families, who describe their loved ones to me in detail. "What was she like as a woman?" I ask. "How would you describe the legacy that he has left you?" And then I carefully piece the picture together, trying to paint an accurate and loving sketch of memory.

As the rabbi conducting funeral ceremonies, I have heard about lives of pleasure and pain. Families tell me stories of healing, suffering, joining together or being torn apart. It has led me to think about my own life and how I want to be remembered.

It might seem a bit strange, but I have thought about what kind of funeral I want to have. Not because I want to die, but because I want to live. I believe that knowing how you want to be remembered is the key to living well. It is the first step to creating a road map for yourself that will direct the course of your travels. Where do you want to have made your major contributions? What is crucial for you to impact during your lifetime? Who should know that you love them fiercely and deeply? How do you want to be remembered?

I, for one, want a great funeral. In the front row I want great-grandchildren filled with the memories of their great-grandmother's hands and her eyes; her voice, soft

and understanding. Let my children speak of me as compassionate, wise, and a lot of fun. Let them say that I spoiled them rotten but at the same time taught them how to give back. Spend a third, save a third, and give a third away. I want a lot of people there — ordinary people — and I want a lot of talk about my happy home.

When the time comes, I want to be fully used up. Maybe I even will have written that book, the one I dream of, the one in which I will write about what really matters. I don't need to be famous. I don't need to be rich or pretty. But I need to be beloved. I need to be thought of as kind.

In the end it will be about the people. The places will darken and fade away. The possessions will wither and disappear. Only the music will remain. How will it sound? When the notes of our days go forth into time and merge into a symphony of remembrance, will they create harmony or discord? When it is all over, will there be heard the music of a life well lived?

It is not easy and it is certainly not something we are accustomed to talking much about. But we need to be aware of how we want to be remembered. That little bird must come to live on our shoulder and whisper into our ear. In this way we will carve out for ourselves a life that we are truly proud to call our own. □



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Tamara Kolton
Rabbi

Open Letter from IFSHJ Executive Director Myrna Baron: A Reminder of a Great Opportunity

Shalom.

We still have seats available and are accepting deposits for the wonderful celebration of the Eleventh Biennial International Conference of the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews (IFSHJ), to take place this summer in Israel.

The hotels book up fast, so make your reservation to hold your spot.

The theme of this year's conference is "Remaking Secular Judaism in Israel: Innovation in Humanistic Jewish Life." In addition, the conference will feature an unprecedented event: the ordination of the first graduating class of secular humanistic rabbis in Israel.

The conference will be held in Tel Aviv from Wednesday through Friday, July 5-7, 2006. We are very excited that the esteemed Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua will be the keynote speaker.

This year, we are very happy to offer TWO post-conference travel options — an Exploration of Israel

with Rabbi Sherwin Wine, and a Family Friendly Israel Adventure led by Rabbi Adam Chalom, plus a children's program in effect during the conference.

More information and the printable registration form — with hotel details and information on the travel and tour package — is available online at:
<<http://www.ifshj.org/news.html>>

Feel free to call or e-mail for more information.

Hope to see you in Israel.

Best regards,

Myrna Baron

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JUDITH FREUND

Notes From the Executive Director

A 'Covenant' to Keep

As I was browsing recently through Border's bookstore, a sales associate told me there was a book that she cannot keep on the shelves. My curiosity aroused, I asked her about the book. Just that morning, *The Covenant*, by Naomi Ragen, arrived in stock and she handed me a copy. It is a riveting tale of current Israel and an amazing celebration of survival. Needless to say, the book got my attention, and within a few days I was steeped in its pages.

What intrigued me about this book was the author's ability to relate this thriller to an oath sworn during the Holocaust between four young women, to the contemporary conflict in Israel today. A Hamas kidnapping rudely interrupts the quiet life of an Israeli family, living in a settlement outside of Jerusalem.

One does not have to read a fictional thriller these days to understand the terror and fears of the Israeli people, when it comes to Hamas. According to Robert Cohen, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, "It's hard to imagine a worse outcome than that from last week's Palestinian Arab election. Hamas, whose extremism made Fatah seem "moderate," won the majority of seats in the Palestinian Authority parliament. As the newly dominant political force among the Palestinians, what had been an Islamist terrorist organization is now an Islamist terrorist government."

This election is considered by many to be a disastrous blow to the peace process. That plan focused on the Palestinian Authority's commitment to put a stop to

terrorism by dismantling the various terrorist groups within its territory. The election results merely turned the powers of government over to the terrorists themselves. According to Cohen, "For Israel, the result will mean less security and, sooner or later, more innocent victims of terrorist attacks at the hands of the new Palestinian regime or its partner organizations."

For those of us in the United States and the rest of the world, it seems to me there will be a much more significant chance of instability in the Middle East, with countries like Iran increasing their desire to build nuclear weapons. Certainly Israel, so close and so vulnerable, has to protect itself more than ever before. The security policy, which prompted the building of the anti-terrorist barrier, has to continue with a neighboring government devoted to the destruction of Israel.

Perhaps the dramatic effect of the outcome of the Palestinian Authority election will be to encourage, and even force, Israel to have a stronger unified centrist political consensus in its government. There is power, and strength, in numbers. If the Israeli government can formulate uni-

fied policies and agreement in their execution, maybe then they can ward off the evils of terrorism and Hamas.

It is unlikely that Hamas will end terrorism, so Israel has to prove its strength and right to exist for the Jewish people. Like the characters in *The Covenant*, multi-generational groups from around the world must stand together on the front lines and fight the evils of terrorism, wherever and whenever it rears its ugly face. □



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Judith Freund

Executive Director

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WHO'S NEW

Welcoming New Birmingham Temple Members

Here we go again with the latest in additions to our temple family.

Rabbi Kolton married *Stacy* and *Brian Mingu*s some-time in October of last year ('05), and, along with young *Bailey Mingu*s, they're happily welcomed into the temple family. Brian is a legislative aide while Stacy runs her own business. They both love going to movies, looking into new business ventures and investing in real estate. Bailey, however, seems content to eat, sleep and be beautiful.

The *Wachs*, *Steven* and *Allise*, came to us on January 3rd of this year with the desire to give their children, *Lena*, 6, and *Julia*, 4, a Jewish identity without compromising their humanistic beliefs. Steven is a statistician and Allise a forensic mathematician. They enjoy art,

music, travel, reading and sports ... not necessarily in that order.

And there's a new doctor in the house. His name is *Stephen Levinson*, and he and his wife, *Susan*, joined our temple family on January 26th. The Levinsons came to us via the internet and attended a Friday night service before asking for a membership packet. Susan does volunteer work while Stephen practices medicine as the head of spinal cord injury services at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Detroit. They enjoy travel (having lived in Paris and Tokyo), photography, visiting museums, attending plays and concerts. They should be quite interested in our Vivace program.

— Blue Bluestein

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Life Stories from the Memoir Writers

The Million Dollar Charlotte Russe

By Ed Chalom

I'm guilty! And I'm tired of hauling this weight around my soul for 60 years.

You see, it all started in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, a summer resort area for the Syrian Sephardic community. Immediately after Memorial Day a mass migration would commence like a myriad of Monarch butterflies. Brightly colored beachwear sprinkled the highways heading to the North Jersey shore. Bradley Beach is located halfway between Newark and Atlantic City. Most of the families rented homes from Memorial Day until Labor Day, firstly, because no sane mother would let her children swim in the ocean before Memorial Day even if the mercury hit 90 degrees and, secondly, because Labor Day signaled the beginning of the school year.

I was 12 years old at the time of this incident. The kids would generally spend the whole day at the beach swimming, riding the waves, walking the sands and playing ball. To supplement the lunch that we brought with us, we patronized the small concession stand on the boardwalk. It stood there with its red and white striped awning as an oasis in the hot afternoon. Among the sundry items offered was the most delectable dessert imaginable – the Charlotte Russe.

Perhaps you don't know what a Charlotte Russe is. (My spell check doesn't recognize it.) It has two parts – the base is the cake part made with flour, baking powder, eggs, sugar and vanilla extract. The cake is topped with an abundant swirl of whipped cream, sprinkled with chocolate and topped with a bright red maraschino cherry. The entire creation is encircled by a white cardboard holder aptly shaped like a king's crown, for it is truly a dessert fit for a king.

My friends used to call me lucky. It was true that I frequently spotted things like marbles, coins, or balls as I walked along. Perhaps it wasn't luck but a scrounging habit I had of walking with my eyes fixed on the ground. Well, this day at the beach, I was strolling along the

boardwalk looking down at the sand when I spied what looked like a dollar. I quickly leaped over the railing and dropped cat-like the 10 feet down to the beach. There, neatly folded in half, was a one-dollar bill. I pounced on it.

Shorty was my uncle although he was a year younger than I. Such things can happen in a culture of child brides but that's another story. His real name was Fred and, though he was of average height, everyone called him Shorty. When I raced back to our section of the beach, he was busy building a sand wall to resist the incoming ocean tide. When I showed him my find, mathematically astute as he was, he suggested that at 25 cents each we could buy four Charlotte Russes and have a previously unheard of and promiscuous luxury of two Charlotte Russes each! I readily agreed. No sooner conceived than consummated – a consummation, as someone once said, devoutly to be wished.

Later that afternoon, as I lounged against the boardwalk railing, a woman named Annette Doueck approached me. Annette was a full-grown woman, all of 17 or 18, with sharp features, dark eyes and black hair that surrounded her face like the mane of a lion.

"Hi, Eddie."

"Hi."

"Eddie, did you happen to find a dollar bill on the sand?"

My mind panicked. That dollar bill! It was gone, gone! The Charlotte Russes it had bought were already on their way to oblivion in my intestines. Religion, honesty, integrity were instantaneously considered and rejected as if I could simply cast my sin into the sea and God would understand. I looked her firmly in the eye and without flinching said, "NO." She shrugged and walked away. But it was clear that she knew the truth.

Now I am well acquainted with the dynamic power of compound interest. I fear this debt of mine, inexorably compounding day by day, interest upon interest, after 60 years may have reached a million dollars!

This whole tragic memory flooded back over me when I heard that Annette had passed away earlier this year. Had she understood my dilemma? Had she ever forgiven me? As an oath of penance, I could abjure eating Charlotte Russes for the rest of my life but it seems rather an empty gesture, particularly since they are no longer made and sold.

I accept my guilt and am resigned to bearing it until I meet Annette again and pay her the money I owe her. □

If you've ever thought about putting your life experiences on paper, please join the Birmingham Temple Memoir Writers!

The next meeting will be at the temple on April 22 at 11 A.M.

For information, please contact Alice McCoy at (248) 374-8992.



Please Join The Birmingham Temple
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For Something Delicious is Cooking for Passover
Thursday, April 13, 2006

Gather at 6:00 pm for *hors d'oeuvres* Dinner at 6:30 pm

Hors d'Oeuvres

Liver Pate with matzohs
and chilled apple slices

Basket of fresh veggies
with sun-dried tomato dip



First Course

Gefilte fish loaf with Moroccan carrots
Haroset

Entrée

Tender beef Brisket

**Chicken Picatta
with artichokes and capers**

Crisp potato kugel

**Crisp cabbage slaw with
Italian parsley, shredded carrots
and a lemon vinaigrette**

Soup Course

Rich Chicken
Soup with
Matzo Balls



Sweet Table

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Lemon cream puffs
Lucho's luscious chocolate macaroons
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WHAT'S NEW

News, Events, Etc.

Bolcom and Morris to Return to Wow Temple Audience

Enjoy an evening of light-hearted music at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, when Vivace presents William Bolcom, pianist-composer, and Joan Morris, mezzo-soprano.

A Pulitzer prize-winning composer, William Bolcom has written concertos, opera, and chamber music. But it's his piano rags and witty songs that have endeared him to Vivace audiences. Joan Morris, his wife, is a compelling actress-singer and the foremost interpreter of his work for voice.



On May 13, the couple will perform a selection of cabaret songs and ragtime as well as Bolcom's own dynamic compositions. Their extensive repertoire covers 100 years of popular music. Unforgettable melodies of Gershwin, sophisticated lyrics of Cole Porter, and songs of Charles Ives, Leiber and Stoller, and others keep their programs diverse and lively. Bolcom's cabaret songs with poet-lyricist Arnold Weinstein are performance highlights.

The Ann Arbor couple has performed together for more than 30 years throughout the world. Recent appearances include return engagements at Alice Tully Hall/ Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and their eighth engagement at Jordan Hall in Boston. Bolcom and Morris have recorded two dozen albums together. In February 2006, Bolcom received three Grammy

awards, including an award for Best Classical Album for "Songs of Innocence and Experience."

According to a Chicago Tribune review, Joan Morris' "voice is notable for ease, flexibility, expressiveness" and her performance "projects not just a song, but the character singing it, and gives that character her own irresistibly funny and winning personality." The review continued: "as a jazz pianist, Bolcom can do anything he likes at the keyboard

and make it sound inevitable. His accompaniments are ... geared to Morris' every inflection ..."

A review in the Milwaukee Journal stated "... The duo is musical enough to make true poetry out of the great songs of the American tradition. Sometimes blithely romantic, scathingly sassy or brazenly sentimental, the duo traverses Broadway, vaudeville and music hall, from ragtime to mid-century."

Please join us for a captivating musical evening followed by an afterglow with the performers.

Tickets are \$18 for temple members and \$21 general admission. Group and student rates are available. For information and to order tickets call Joyce Chersh (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher (248) 661-1348.



E V E N T

What:
Vivace Concert Series: Joan Morris and William Bolcom, cabaret and popular song

When:
May 13, 8 p.m.

Where:
At the Temple

Dinner Club To Hold Shabbat Dinner

The Birmingham Temple Dinner Club season concludes Friday, May 5, with our annual **Shabbat Dinner and Service**, held jointly with the Birmingham Temple Reading Circle. Mark your calendars so that you will be able to join us.

The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. at the temple. Reservations must be made at the temple office by Wednesday, April 26th. The event is open to all temple members, whether or not they have participated in Dinner Club in the past. This is a great way for new members to become acquainted with our temple family. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Carol Gorosh at (248) 738-2274.

My sincere thanks to all those who have participated in Dinner Club over the past ten years. I can hardly be-

lieve that so many years have passed so quickly!

A special thank you to all the hosts who graciously volunteered their homes for the Saturday night dinners and organized their guests to make the evening a gourmet delight. Also a special thanks to the facilitators, who are the magic in helping notify and relocate some of the guests at the last minute. Dinner Club has been a success because of everyone's eager and thoughtful participation.

I would like to introduce you to **Judy Green** and **Alice McCoy**, who will be the new Dinner Club co-chairpersons. My best wishes to all for Dinner Club's continued success.

— Carol Gorosh

THE SHAW FESTIVAL

The Birmingham Temple's Summer Retreat

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Arms and the Man

By G.B. Shaw

Shaw's most appealing comedy about the unconventional courtship of a heroic young woman and her "chocolate cream soldier."

High Society

Music and lyrics by Cole Porter

A sassy and beguiling musical that combines the sophisticated wit of **The Philadelphia Story** with the brilliant words and music of Cole Porter.

2006 Shaw Festival Weekend Features:

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE - "Ontario's Prettiest Town" hosts the Shaw Festival and offers a diverse blend of fine shopping, dining and accommodations. Nestled like a jewel in the heart of lush vineyards, Niagara-on-the-Lake offers the complete winery experience with tours, tasting, wine boutiques and spectacular scenery.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL & SPA - Superior rooms in this historic, newly renovated in-town hotel, within walking distance of major attractions.

THEATRE TICKETS - Priority seating in orchestra section for all performances. Optional Saturday matinee for an additional charge: **Design for Living** by Noel Coward.

FRIDAY WELCOME DINNER - Exceptional regional cuisine and Shabbat service.

DELUXE MOTOR COACH - Round-trip transportation from the Birmingham Temple, including lunch at the charming **Elm Hurst Inn**. Baggage handling, tips and gratuities included.

RABBI SHERWIN WINE

- * Rabbi Wine will provide stimulating previews and reviews of **Arms and the Man** and **High Society**.
- * Rabbi Wine will lead the optional viewing of Noel Coward's provocative comedy **Design for Living**.
- * Rabbi Wine will be lead walking tours for the early risers on Saturday morning. First timers and returnees will not want to miss this unique opportunity to experience Niagara-on-the-Lake behind the scenes.

TARIFF: (\$US)

\$510 per person double occupancy; \$275 single supplement

\$ 50 per person supplement for guests of Temple members

\$ 75 Optional add-on for theatre ticket to **Design for Living**

Temple members will get priority with \$100 deposit by April 15, 2006

Full payment must be received by May 25, 2006

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Lori Schechter (248) 357-6134

SCHOOL NEWS

Temple School is Cool

Temple Students Participate in Crop Walk; Won't You Join in Too?

Millions of people join in or support Crop Walks throughout the United States each year because millions of people around the world have to walk just to survive.

We walk because they walk – in solidarity, in unity, to make a difference. Last year walkers, volunteers and sponsors in some 2,000 U.S. communities raised nearly \$16 million to feed the hungry, protect children, assist uprooted people, and help families and communities around the world help themselves. Of that amount, some \$4 million was shared with hunger-fighting initiatives, such as food banks and community gardens, across the United States.



Last year, the 20th Annual Farmington Area Crop Walk raised more than \$38,700 with the help of 393 walkers, more than 30 volunteers, and support from almost 40 local businesses. The national walk is sponsored by Church World Service, which provides relief, development, and refugee assistance to communities within the United States and in more than 80 countries throughout the world.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the Farmington Area Crop Walk were shared with Yad Ezra, Neighborhood House, Baldwin Church of St. Alexander Food Cupboard, and Salvation Army. A hearty thanks to all who participated!

Temple Students have gotten a head start on this year's Crop Walk by participating in the Empty Bowls program.

Our school has been fortunate to work with artist Michael Phillips on this project. A grant from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Artists in the Schools program has made this project possible.

Everyone made ceramic bowls, which represent the empty bowls of the world. Donations will be gathered at our Model Passover Seder on April 9. The bowls will be on display and ready to take home.

Please join us for Crop Walk 2006!

Family of Women, Gathering of Men, Reading Circle, Parent Play Group, Memoir Writers, Dinner Club, Vivace, Board Members ... everyone!

This could be an ideal way for your family or group to participate in a meaningful event and have fun too!

Crop Walk Date: Sunday, May 7, 2006

Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Walk: 1:30p.m., downtown Farmington

Both 6.2 mile (10k) and 2 mile walks will be offered.

Donations accepted!

For more information, contact Rebecca Smith by e-mail at <rsmith@birminghamtemple.org> or at (248) 477-1410, ext. 209.

Family of Kids

Please join the Family of Kids activity group, and all Sunday school classes, for the Birmingham Temple Model Passover Seder. The Seder will be held during school on Sunday, April 9, 2006. (Watch your e-mail for the exact time.)

Together with our Temple friends, we will discuss the meanings, history and phases of a Passover Seder.

This is a great opportunity for the children (and their parents!) to observe some of the traditions and practices that you may decide to make part of your own Seder at home.

We look forward to seeing you at this educational and bonding event.



Rebecca Smith
Principal



2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE

***** REMEMBER CALENDAR CHANGE! NO SCHOOL APRIL 11 OR 12! *****

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Noon
April 2, 9*, 30*
May 7, 21*

*Denotes Preschool Class

Tuesday School

4:30 - 6 p.m. (7th grade stays for dinner through 7 p.m.)
April 4, 25
May 2, 9, 16

Wednesday School

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (youth group stays for dinner through 7 p.m.)
April 5, 26
May 3, 10, 17



SHABBAT CALENDAR

Celebrations for April and May, 2006

*All services begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted

April 7

"YOUTH SHABBATON (SLEEPOVER) AT THE BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE"



Rabbi Tamara Kolton

Service begins at 7:30 p.m.

It has become a custom with our youth that one time a year they hold a sleepover. Our Temple is transformed into a mini camp for one night with sleeping bags and cereal bowls. Along with brave chaperones, youth spend the night at a giant overnight party in their Temple home. **Children in 4th - 12th grade are invited to the sleepover**, although children of all ages are invited to enjoy the family service at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for singing, games, and laughter. You must be a temple member to attend. *Friendship* will be the theme of the service.

April 14

THE ASIANS ARE COMING

Rabbi Sherwin Wine

The spectacular rise of East Asia – China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan – together with the emergence of a powerful India has changed our vision of the American and Jewish future. Even the dominance of Anglo-Saxons and Jews in the world of American science and medicine is up for grabs. In a few decades Asian elites and Asian owners may dominate the economy of North America. What does this dramatic change entail? How will our lives change? How do we cope with this transformation?

Pesakh is a perfect time to reflect on this dramatic change in the Jewish world.

April 21

CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION OF SIGMUND FREUD'S 150TH BIRTHDAY: "HOW WE HEAL"

Rabbi Kolton

Freud's contribution to psychology and humanity was the innovative idea of the unconscious mind. He believed that our behavior and emotions are controlled by the many drives that live inside of us, seemingly outside of our awareness, but profoundly influencing who we are. He also brought the idea of "Talk Therapy" to the attention of millions. He believed that the therapist was a guide for the patient to make conscious what was unconscious, and by doing so, people could become more in charge of their lives, happier, and more fulfilled.

During this Shabbat Rabbi Kolton will explore Freud's ideas and share her own thoughts on how we heal psychological and emotional pain. How can we move beyond past wounds? How can we create a life that is not defined by what did not go right? How can we grow out of old forms and embrace new strategies for joy and serenity? Join us for this special evening as we explore, "**How We Heal.**" *Tikkun Olam, Healing The World*, will be the theme of the service.

April 28

BAT MITZVAH OF BETHANY SCHREIER

Rabbi Kolton

Golda Meir was an ordinary woman who had an extraordinary life. She led Israel through some of its most tenuous years under the constant threat of war from Arab neighbors. She commanded respect. She had tenacity and an incredible capacity for determination. She is the hero that one of our students has chosen for her Bat Mitzvah.

During this evening we will celebrate **Bethany Schreier becoming a Bat Mitzvah**. We will learn about the life and ideals of Golda Meir. Join us for a special service and Oneg Shabbat. *Determination* will be the theme of the service.

May 5

"THE MYTH OF SCARCITY"

Rabbi Kolton

So often we live our lives as if we do not have enough. Whether it is money, time, love, or appreciation, we feel a sense of lack. We sense that something is missing and we do not know what.

During this special evening, Rabbi Kolton will discuss "**The Myth of Scarcity.**" She will challenge us to change the way we think about the world. How can we wake each day to the knowing that we indeed have enough and are enough? Rather than scarcity, how can we learn to live in abundance?

- *The Baby Naming of Sasha and Andrew Wade*
- *Recognition of the Dinner Club and Reading Circle*

During the service, twin brothers **Sasha and Andrew Wade** will be given their Hebrew names. We will also be honoring our Dinner Club and Reading Circle groups during this service. *Peace* will be the theme of the service. Join us for a very special evening!

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C.C.C., slp.
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May 12

CELEBRATION OF HUMANISTIC JEWISH HEROES — FREUD: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Rabbi Wine

Together with Einstein, Freud is one of the seminal thinkers of the modern scientific world. While psychoanalysis is less popular than it once was, the discoveries of Freud concerning the structure of the human mind still lie at the foundation of modern psychology and psychotherapy. But Freud was also a philosopher with very definite ideas about truth, the universe, ethics and politics. In this philosophic role he became one of the major precursors of Humanistic Judaism. His realism and boldness were refreshing.

May 19

THE BAR MITZVAH OF ZACHARY MELLEN

Rabbi Kolton

How did a street kid from Brooklyn grow up to become the first general in the Israeli army, named to that post by Ben Gurion? Mickey Marcus was a key player in the War of Independence, protecting the Negev and Jerusalem. He was known for his courage and his intelligence. Join us for this special evening as **Zachary Mellen becomes a Bar Mitzvah**. He will speak on the life and career of David Daniel Mickey Marcus.

A very special Oneg Shabbat will follow in honor of Zachary and his family. *Courage* will be the theme of the service.

If you need a ride to Temple for Shabbat or other events, please call Debra Weisman at (248) 593-1272 or e-mail her at onthelake329@yahoo.com.

May 19

THE BAR MITZVAH OF DAVIS TRAPP

Rabbi Kolton

Born in Dublin, Bob Geldof organized the Live Aid concerts that brought in millions of dollars in an effort to obliterate starvation in Africa. He went on to continue organizing mega concerts with names like Sting, Bono, and Paul McCartney. In 1986 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Davis Trapp will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and share his hero, Bob Geldof.

Join us for this inspirational evening and a special Oneg Shabbat. *Social Action* will be the theme for the service.

SHERWIN WINE

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the 'outrageous' sexual and artistic 'liberation' of the Sixties were tolerated. Most of the rest of the world still functions with its sacred religious symbols and its holy infallible teachers. Modern technology has brought us all together through endless mobility and will never let us separate. We have to learn to live together and to minimize the inevitable friction. The Muslims will not go away.

Europeans are so secular that mocking any religion arouses little more than a yawn. But Germany has outlawed free speech for anti-Semitism and Austria has outlawed free speech for Holocaust deniers. Most Jews who defend the cartoons also defend the restraints placed on anti-Semitism in Europe. In the end every group and every individual — no matter how liberal — have their 'limits'. No relationship can survive total honesty and total freedom. Most of us practice a rational discretion. Deliberately humiliating others in order to demonstrate our right to humiliate is not virtue. It is stupidity.

We do not need government censorship, even of anti-Semites and Holocaust deniers. What we need is self-censorship. Hiring cartoonists to compose provocative cartoons to inflame intolerant people will not make them more tolerant. It will only confirm them in their intolerance and turn them over to the hateful leaders who will exploit them. If we are at war with the whole Muslim world and they are at war with us, there is no end to the amount of deadly ridicule that will appear.

Maybe — if we show restraint and accept the reality that their side will show less toleration than we will — maybe, in three centuries, most of the Muslim world will be secularized by the global economy — and they will be able to laugh at a cartoon depicting Mohammed stopping entrants to Paradise because Paradise has run out of virgins.

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE FORUMS

A P R I L

Important New Books

New and exciting books have excited public interest. Three of them stand out as stunning and provocative.

April 10

JESUS AND YAHWEH

BY HAROLD BLOOM

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

Famous as a literary critic, Yale professor Harold Bloom has in recent years become intrigued with the Bible. His *Book of J* was a brilliant attempt to recover the foundation text of the Torah. Bloom has now turned to the leading figures of the Old and New Testaments. As the central characters of the Biblical story, Yahweh and Jesus are two 'gods' with complex and provocative personalities. The two religions that flow from their passions — Judaism and Christianity — are as problematic as they are.

April 17

THE GREAT INFLUENZA

BY JOHN M. BERRY

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

This is the epic story of the deadliest plague in history. In the winter of 1918, at the height of the World War I, history's most lethal influenza virus erupted in an army camp in Kansas, ultimately killing more than 100 million people worldwide. It killed more people in 24 weeks than AIDS has killed in 24 years, more in a year than the Black Death did in a century. Ultimately a tale of triumph and tragedy, this crisis reminds us of the epidemics looming on our own horizon.

April 24

END OF FAITH

BY SAM HARRIS

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

What we have needed is a bold secular response to the rising power of Christian fundamentalism in this country. Pulling no punches, Harris describes the state of religion in America today. In a scientific and secular age, conservative religion is catering to the anxieties of people who are trapped between their loss of faith and their fear of change. What is the best answer to the dilemma? What is the future of reason in an increasingly unreasonable world?

April 3

HAMAS: THE REAL STORY

A New and Different Report
from Rabbi Sherwin Wine

The victory of Hamas in the Palestinian election has filled the Jewish and Israeli public with fear. Can Israel live with a Palestinian state governed by a radical Arab government committed to the destruction of Israel. What is the story of Hamas and its leaders? What can we expect? What needs to be done?

Coming in May

Politics of Oil

Petroleum governs the economies of the globalized world. The demand for this fossil fuel is increasing daily. The competition may produce war.

May 1

Politics of Oil: The Persian Gulf

The largest reservoir of oil lies in this problematic place. Smack in the middle of the Muslim world and surrounded by warring Sunnis and Shiites, this body of water is strategic to Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran. America needs the petroleum that comes from this area. The alliance with the Saudis, the defense of Kuwait and the Iraq War are all testimony to America's dependence on this hub of the Middle East. Volatile Iran is heating everything up with its nuclear ambitions.

May 15

Politics of Oil: The Caspian Sea

When oil was discovered in Baku in Russian Azerbaijan at the beginning of the twentieth century, Europe was transformed by this available vein. Stalin personally made sure that Baku remained part of the Soviet Union. With the fall of the U.S.S.R., immense new petroleum resources have been discovered in and near this lake. Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan are now independent. The Chinese are waiting in the wings to strike when it is convenient.

May 22

Politics of Oil: The Caribbean

America needs the oil from the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico. First came the great discovery of petroleum in Texas. Then came the surprise discovery in Mexico in 1910. The Mexican Revolution placed that oil in jeopardy through the decades of Civil War. And then came the astounding discovery in Venezuela in 1917. This petroleum reserve is vast. But now it is in the hands of an anti-American, pro-Castro charismatic military leader, Hugo Chavez. The confrontation between Bush and Chavez is turning hot.

E V E N T

What:
Birmingham
Temple Forums

When:
Mondays, April
3, 10, 17 and
24; May 1, 8,
15 and 22
8 p.m.

Price:
Members: Free
Non-Members:
\$8 unless
otherwise noted

May 8

The Stem Cell Controversy

Discussed by
State Representative
Andrew Meisner

Andrew Meisner is a well-known member of the Michigan Legislature who has championed legislation to allow stem-cell research.

The stem-cell controversy is part of the assault on science programmed by the fundamentalists of the Religious Right. The new flourishing of medical research has revealed the incredible potential that stem-cell research provides for defeating disease and prolonging life.

What can we do to support stem-cell research in this state and in our nation?

**THIS EVENT FREE TO
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REMEMBRANCES



April Birthdays

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| Eli B'sheart | April 1 |
| Andrea D'Amore-Braver | April 1 |
| Jill Schumacher | April 1 |
| Beverly Viedrah | April 1 |
| Lee R. Franklin | April 2 |
| Kelli Weiss | April 2 |
| Loretta Behrmann | April 3 |
| Leah Daniels | April 4 |
| Steve Steinhardt | April 4 |
| John Zimmer | April 4 |
| Harvey Brode | April 5 |
| Everett Cronizer | April 5 |
| Judith Goren | April 5 |
| Andrew D'Amore-Braver | April 6 |
| Helen Forman | April 6 |
| Marc D. Landau | April 6 |
| Stephen Mandell | April 6 |
| Sheldon Halpern | April 7 |
| Maynard Metler | April 7 |
| Harold Norris | April 7 |
| Fred Garon | April 9 |
| John Grekin | April 9 |
| Marilyn Rowens | April 9 |
| Jody Schechter | April 9 |
| Judy Bobrow | April 10 |
| Thomas Ditzhazy | April 11 |
| Jennifer Berne | April 12 |
| Michael Egren | April 12 |
| Valerie Jannett | April 12 |
| Gina Linden | April 12 |
| Joel Milinsky | April 12 |
| Alissa Rowens | April 12 |
| Irwin Shapiro | April 12 |
| Stuart Frankel | April 13 |
| Roslyne Gitlin | April 13 |
| Nina Robb | April 13 |
| John Rosman | April 13 |
| Sarit Flascher | April 14 |
| Rebecca Evans-Grimm | April 15 |
| Aaron Metler | April 15 |

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| Charlotte Bernson | April 16 |
| Joyce Burkoff | April 16 |
| Edward Chalom | April 16 |
| Thomas Fleischer | April 16 |
| Lawrence Weisberg | April 16 |
| Ronda Shapiro | April 17 |
| Cindy Goldman | April 19 |
| Haviva Jacobs | April 20 |
| Andrew Wedepohl | April 20 |
| Geri Zeldes | April 20 |
| Robert Kron | April 21 |
| Bernice Lasker | April 21 |
| Steven MacDonald | April 21 |
| Renee Rochlin | April 21 |
| Nina Warrow | April 21 |
| Myriam Kleer | April 22 |
| Caroline Trapp | April 23 |
| Stephanie Gibbs | April 24 |
| Brenden Kaltenbach | April 24 |
| Joyce Weiss | April 25 |
| Susan Winshall | April 25 |
| Geoffrey Evans-Grimm | April 26 |
| Daniel Gaber | April 26 |
| Dmitri Garbuzov | April 26 |
| Alexander Murphy Molnar | April 26 |
| Jessica Rose | April 26 |
| Barbara Burnstein | April 28 |
| Aaron Keil | April 28 |
| Jeanne Mirer | April 28 |
| Charles Nave | April 28 |
| Zachary Fisher | April 29 |
| Raisa Gogosha | April 29 |
| Louis Katz | April 29 |
| Barbara Klarman | April 29 |
| Robert Radner | April 29 |
| Sandra Altman | April 30 |
| Judy Helen Borovicka | April 30 |
| Irving Goldman | April 30 |
| Idell Weisberg | April 30 |

April Anniversaries

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| Joseph & Gail Gadon | April 2 |
| Mel & Myra Jacobs | April 3 |
| Fred Garon & Irene Stein | April 4 |
| Selma & Morris Goodman | April 5 |
| Lewis & Beverly Siegel | April 8 |
| William & Lorraine Ernst | April 11 |
| Jeffrey & Sheila Siegel | April 16 |
| Linda & Herbert Glass | April 22 |
| Steven Rosen & Melissa Vazzano | April 24 |
| Jacqueline & David Roessler | April 26 |
| Thomas Ditzhazy & Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy | April 29 |

April Memorials

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| William Aisen | Ralph Master |
| Mollie Arking | Celia Meisner |
| Philip Ash | Jack Miller |
| Della Augustine | Philip Mirbach |
| Yaffa Balgley | Joseph Morris |
| Tanya Berman | Nedra Mumbrue |
| Herbert Blumberg | Robert J. Newman |
| Sheldon Bobrow | George Ober |
| Elsie Bremen | Brian Passerman |
| Rosalie Brown | Sol Plafkin |
| Francis Burk | Irving Reiff |
| Arlene Burnstein | Adolph Reifler |
| Fanny Calfin | Martha Reiter |
| Henry Cohen | Paul Rose |
| Maurice Cohn | Edith Rosenberg |
| Frances Cousens | Herman Rosenberg |
| Rolla Doner | Martha Rosenthal |
| Max Ellenbogen | Judith Ross |
| Morris Fierberg | Benjamin Rost |
| Louis Fisher | Frances Leib Roth |
| Katie Goodstein | Edward Rudner |
| Fannie Goren | Dorian Samuels |
| Abe Green | Clara Schwartz |
| Jacob Green | Sam Shenkman |
| Harry C. Grossman | Sybil Siegel |
| Isadore Handelman | Leonard Silber |
| Rose Handelman | Alexander Sam Sirotkin |
| Joseph Hartman | Ida Sirotkin |
| Max Hersh | Lydia Bandy Slakter |
| Fred Hirsch | Louis Sonshine |
| Bea Hutcheson | Ben Stawicki |
| Kate Jacob Frank | Samuel Sugerman |
| Irving Kane | Nathan Surnitsky |
| Theodore Kaplan | Nancy Carol Unger |
| Fred Kellman | Hershel Wancjer |
| Arnold Kerstein | Harry Weinstein |
| Rose Klayman | Max Weinstock |
| Shirley Klein | Herman Wise |
| Ed Kraus | Irene Young |
| Shirley Kane Kursman | Stanley Zimmer |
| Jean Lax | Alvin Ziv |
| Max Philip Levine | Jacob Zucker |
| Arthur H. Mann | Isadore Zuckerman |



TRIBUTES

March, 2006

Birmingham Temple Tributes provide a meaningful way to acknowledge a simcha or mitzvah or honor the memory of a friend or loved one. Tributes benefit everyone—the contributor, the contributee and the temple. If you need more handy tribute envelopes, call Jennifer Wicker at 248-477-1410.

Rabbi Kolton Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Levi Joseph Shanker's Baby Naming. Thank you for a beautiful service. From Bill and Lorraine Ernst

Vivace Music Fund

In Memory of Joseph Selasky, father of Margaret Selasky. From Charles Nave and Judy Green

In Memory of Larry Rattner, dear husband of Bonnie Lee Rattner. From Charles Nave and Judy Green

In Memory of Harold T. Rattner. From Charles Nave

General Fund

In Memory of Louise Newman. From Barbara Kux

In Memory of Louise Newman. From Margie and Bill Oberfelder

In Memory of the passing of Judi Freund's father, Bernard Davis. From Mark and Sonia Geoffrey

In Memory of Louise Newman, a beloved friend. From Pat Minkus

Temple Singers

Wishing Milt Landau a speedy recovery. Fondly, Judi & Allan Freund

Rabbi Wine Discretionary Fund

In Memory of Louise Newman. From Helen Rice

Temple Art Fund

Wishing Harold Black a speedy recovery. Fondly, Judi & Allan Freund

Children's Library Fund

In Memory of Olga Chobot, dear mother of Patricia Myers. From Sharon Klein

Bev and Skip Siegel Fund

In Honor of Beverly Siegel's big birthday. From Helen Rice

Endowment Fund

In Honor of the arrival of Levi Joseph, new son of Debra & Todd Shanker, brother of Helen, and grandson of Bill & Lorraine Ernst. Our congratulations to the whole family! From Larry and Ann Ellenbogen

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The Temple Art Show
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Let's envision new ways of doing things that may lead to growth
in ways we have not yet imagined.

April 28-April 30, 2006

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| | | | | | | 1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour |
| 2 9:30 a.m. Sunday School | 3 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. The Birmingham Temple Forum | 4 4:30 p.m. Tuesday School 7:30 p.m. Evening with the Rabbi | 5 4:30 p.m. Wednesday School | 6 | 7 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Family Service & Youth Shabbaton – Rabbi Kolton | 8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour 8:00 p.m. Vivace |
| 9 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Preschool Passover Model Seder | 10 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. The Birmingham Temple Forum | 11 No Tuesday School | 12 No Wednesday School <i>Passover 1st Seder</i> | 13 <i>Temple Seder</i> Gather 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. | 14 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — The Asians are Coming – Rabbi Wine | 15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour |
| 16 No Sunday School | 17 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. The Birmingham Temple Forum | 18 No Tuesday School 5:00 p.m. Executive Board 7:30 p.m. BT Board of Trustees | 19 No Wednesday School | 20 | 21 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Honoring Freud's Birthday: "How We Heal" – Rabbi Kolton | 22 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour 11:00 a.m. Memoir Writers |
| 23 No Sunday School | 24 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. The Birmingham Temple Forum | 25 4:30 p.m. Tuesday School | 26 4:30 p.m. Wednesday School | 27 6:00 p.m. National Council of Jewish Women Dinner & sing-along | 28 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Bat Mitzvah of Bethany Schreier – Rabbi Kolton | 29 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour |
| 30 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Preschool | | | | | | |

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| 7 9:30 a.m. Sunday School CROP WALK 1:00 p.m. Registration 1:30 p.m. Walk | 8 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. Monday Forum | 9 4:30 p.m. Tuesday School | 10 4:30 p.m. Wednesday School 7:30 p.m. Reading Circle | 11 | 12 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Celebration of Humanistic Jewish Heroes Freud: A New Perspective – Rabbi Wine | 13 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour 3:30 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Adrienne Hall 8:00 p.m. Vivace concert |
| 14 <i>Mother's Day</i> No Sunday School | 15 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. Monday Forum | 16 4:30 p.m. Last Day of Tuesday School 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees | 17 4:30 p.m. Last Day of Wednesday School | 18 | 19 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Mellen – Rabbi Kolton | 20 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Study Hour |
| 21 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School & Preschool | 22 7:00 p.m. Monday Class 8:00 p.m. Monday Forum | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Celebration — Bar Mitzvah of Davis Trapp – Rabbi Kolton | 27 No Shabbat Study Hour |
| 28 | 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 30 | 31 | | | |

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