

# Kol Sholom

## The Voice of Peace



**March 2019      Adar I – Adar II – 5779**

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### From the Temple President's Desk

Dear Congregants,

Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have the same positive experiences twice. It is every child's dream to have two birthday parties during the same weekend. So it will be with Purim 2019, in Waco.

First, erev Purim party on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Temple, with a brief service led by Cantor O'Desky and Rabbi Lanxner to begin at 6:00 PM. There will be a costume contest with a prize for best costume and all children in costume will receive a prize! Pizza, salad, drinks, kosher dog snacks (!), and hamentashen (baked by Cantor O'Desky!) will follow services.

Second, our congregation has been invited to services at the shul on Friday night, March 22<sup>nd</sup> led by Rabbi Lanxner to begin at 6:00 PM with music by the Jewish bluegrass band Nefesh Mountain. There will **NOT** be services at the temple on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Suzan and I hope that we will see you on both evenings!

Best Regards,  
Jim Shinder

### Cantor's Corner

Those of you who attended our first "creative service" end of February heard Ki Tisa as the Torah portion. All kinds of excitement going on here, culminating in the building of the Mishkan, the sanctuary in which God will dwell, and the infamous Golden Calf. What I found intriguing is the name of the builder/designer of the Mishkan, Betzalel, can be translated in one of two ways. One is Be-tzel-El..."in the shadow of God." Or it can mean "The Divine Egg" Betza-L'El...because we incubate the divine potential within us. Doing a little research on this, I stumbled upon the concept of the cosmic egg. Apparently this was known in ancient Egypt (appropriate for Ki Tisa) and the geometry of the cosmic, or Divine Egg, was the origin of the tale "The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg" long before Aesop stumbled on the idea. Who knew! The Great Pyramid at Khufu was a temple to the earth-moon egg (if you draw an oval around the earth and moon together). A hen's egg has the same proportion as does what is known as the Egyptian Triangle giving rise to the pyramid. There are many Divine Eggs in the universe, so it is no coincidence that Judaism teaches of the Divine Egg within us...that spark we all have that turns ideas into reality. My goal this month is to take a little more time to nurture my own Egg and not be so distracted by "important" things that I ignore the divine potential within me. What nurtures your Egg? Yoga? Reading? Swimming? Knitting? Sewing? Cooking? Singing? Taking time for that Divine Egg is as important as anything else you may do. It is nearly Spring...a time of incubation for those Eggs. Let's share some of them in the coming month as we practice becoming mishkans, holy sanctuaries, ourselves.

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# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Karen Humphrey Oneg hosted by Karen Humphrey	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Religious School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Nora Householder	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> "Hate & Intolerance in Our Community" presentation by SPLC
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Services led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Tracie Hermann	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Joint TRS-CAJ Purim Service Led by Cantor O'Desky & Rabbi Lanxner  Spring Begins	<b>21</b> Purim	<b>22</b> <b>NO SHABBAT SERVICE AT TRS</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Congregation Agudath Jacob followed Nefesh Mountain performance.	<b>23</b> 8:00PM Nefesh Mountain Concert at Common Grounds (\$20/Person)
<b>24</b>  <hr/> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>4:30PM</b> Religious School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Nan Haber	<b>30</b>

# WE ARE ONE



Join us at 8:30 AM for a continental breakfast and presentation at 9:00 AM of

## **HATE AND INTOLERANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

MARCH 9, 2019, 8:30 AM  
TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM  
1717 North New Road, Waco, Texas

Presentation by Kate Chance of the  
Southern Poverty Law Center.

**Tickets are required, but are available FREE by calling 254.754.3703.** This event is sponsored by Temple Rodef Sholom and The Greater Waco Interfaith Conference.



Join us for a special Purim service on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM for a *short* Purim service and reading of the megillah followed by fun, song, pizza and salad. Be sure to wear a costume to be eligible to win a prize.

**Michelle Citrin – Shake Your Grogger (A Purim Song)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-wxBQGetIs>

## **Reminder**

**There will not be a Shabbat Service at Temple Rodef Sholom on Friday, March 22!**

**Please visit Congregation Agudath Jacob for Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 PM followed by Nefesh Mountain.**

## Purim: History

The story of Purim is found in the Book of Esther, one of the books in the *Ketuvim* (Writings) section of the Tanakh. It is set in the land of Persia (current day Iran) at the time when Ahashverosh was king. King Ahashverosh held a banquet in the capital city of Shushan and ordered his queen, Vashti, to come and dance before his guests. She refused to appear and lost her royal position.

Acting on advice from his counselors, Ahashverosh held a pageant to choose a new queen. Mordechai, a Jewish man living in Shushan, encouraged his cousin, Esther, to enter the competition. Esther won but, following the advice of her cousin, did not reveal her Jewish origin to the king.

Mordechai often sat near the gate of the king's palace. One day he overheard two men, Bigthan and Teresh, plotting to kill the king. Mordechai reported what he had heard to Esther. She then reported the information to the king. The matter was investigated and found to be true, and Bigthan and Teresh came to an unfortunate end. Mordechai's deed was recorded in the king's diary.

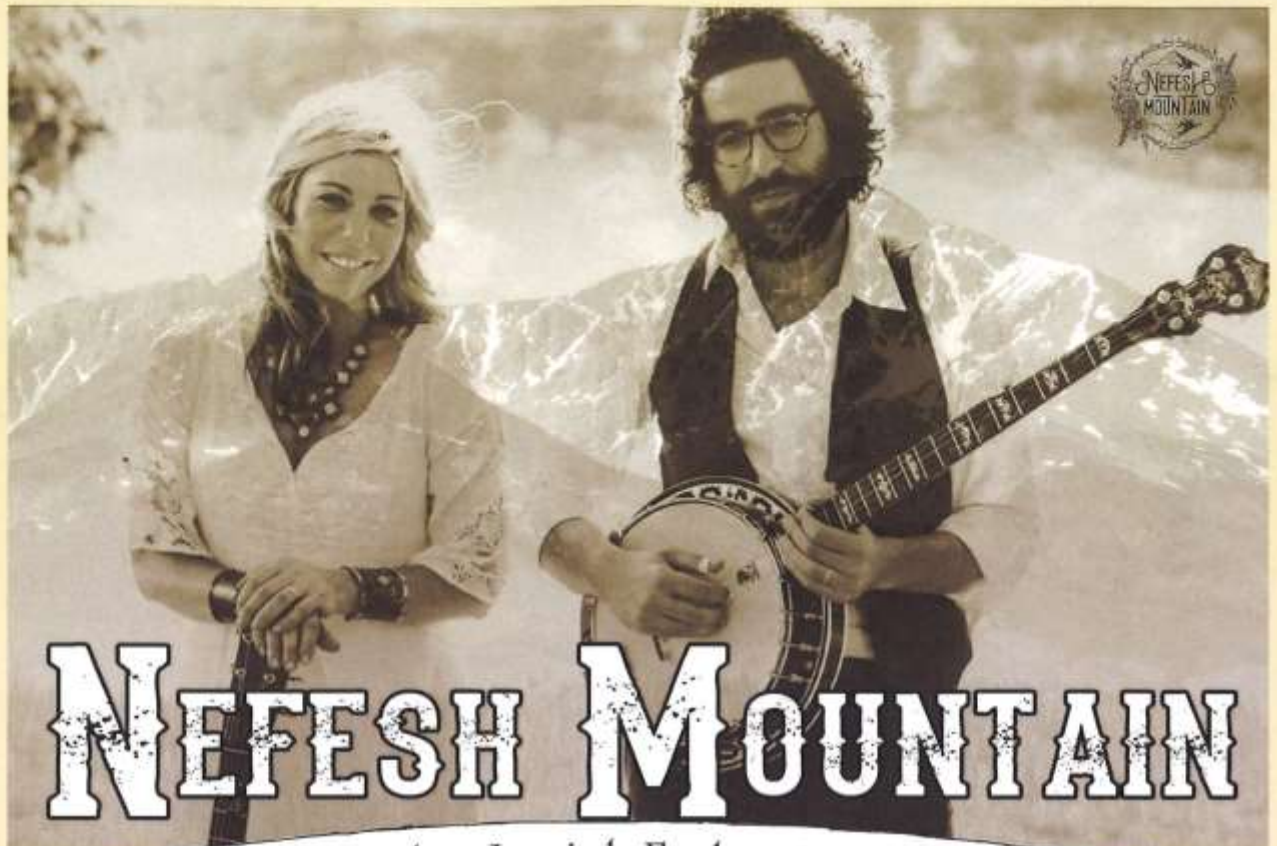
Meanwhile, the king's evil adviser, Haman, paraded through the streets, demanding that all bow down to him. Because Jews do not bow to anyone but God, Mordechai refused to bow down to Haman. Upon learning that Mordechai was Jewish, Haman decided to kill all the Jews in the Persian empire. He plotted to kill them—convincing King Ahashverosh to go along with the plan—and cast *purim* ("lots," plural of *pur*), a kind of lottery, to determine the day on which he would carry out his evil deed: the 13th of Adar.

However, Mordechai alerted Esther to Haman's evil plot, and Esther, in turn, revealed her Jewish identity to the King, convincing him to save the Jews and foiling Haman's plot. Haman was hanged, Mordechai received his estates and the position of royal vizier, and the Jews of Persia celebrated their narrow escape on the 14th of Adar, the day after they were supposed to be annihilated.

Thus, the fate Haman had planned for the Jews became his own. The holiday of Purim celebrates the bravery of Esther and Mordechai and the deliverance of the Jewish people from the cruelty of oppression.

Although Purim is observed in most places on the 14th of Adar, in Jerusalem, it is celebrated on the 15th. *M'gillat Esther* explains, "on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month—that is the month of Adar—when the king's command and decree were to be executed, the very day on which the enemies of the Jews intended to have rule over them, the opposite happened, and the Jews prevailed over their adversaries." The Jews fought and won on the 13th of Adar and celebrated the following day. However, *M'gillat Esther* continues by explaining that the Jews did not defeat their enemies until the 14th of Adar in the walled city of Shushan. Therefore, cities that were enclosed during the time of Joshua do not celebrate until the 15th of Adar, which has been appropriately named Shushan Purim. Because of the significance of Jerusalem, Purim is celebrated on Shushan Purim.

Source: *The Jewish Home (Revised Edition)* by Daniel B. Syme



# NEFESH MOUNTAIN

Brought by the Jewish Federation of Waco

Bluegrass band Nefesh Mountain, led by singer Doni Zasloff and her multi-instrumentalist husband Eric Lindberg, perform old-time Appalachian mountain music yet also weave their shared Jewish heritage into their material, singing some lyrics in Hebrew. Like a blanket passed down as a family heirloom, the results are warm and comfortable, and their 21st century approach never overshadows those old-world traditions.  
— Rolling Stone

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday March 22, 6:00 pm  
Congregation Agudath Jacob Free to the Waco Jewish Community

Concert, Saturday, March 23, 8:00 pm  
Common Grounds \$20.00 per person

Educational Session, Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am  
Congregation Agudath Jacob Free to the Waco Jewish Community

# Yahrzeits

## March 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Sadie Adams Novich Gorin  
Lillian H. Labens  
Bess Polonsky  
Pat Cohen  
Dr. Aubrey Louis Goodman  
Philip Dreiseszun

Sadie C. Adams Kestner  
Annette Cinnamon  
Dr. Benjamin J. French  
Louey Migel  
Abe Alexander

Ethel Davis  
Carrie Sanger Godshaw  
H. Abe Goldberg  
Sydney Paul Klein  
Jerome Sobel

## March 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Fannie Cinnamon Rosner  
Stanley David Levy  
Isidor Stern  
Jay A. Silverberg

Irving David Clark  
Larry Levy  
Isabella Sanger  
Rebecca Davidson Schwarz

Maxwell Arnold Frimel  
Bonnie Dreiseszun  
Celia G. Goldstucker  
Bertram E. Lipsitz

## March 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fannie Kahn  
Hannah Efron  
Charles H. Schwartz  
Joe Schwartz

Gerda Kochman  
William N. Kirschner  
Marilyn Fred Strauss  
Julian Aronson

Harvey Zigel  
Harold Douglas Ginsburg  
Julius Desenberg

## March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Elsie Lilian Simmons Roddy  
Max Levy  
Manasas Alva  
Pearl Shirley Banks

Dr. Carl Friedman  
Max Rosenfeld  
Carl Harry Sachs

Fannie Haberman Englander  
Thelma Lipsitz  
Beatrice Blum Sachs

## March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>

David Mellin  
Abbye L. Freed, Jr.  
Neta McGee  
Josephine L. Goodman Art  
Sam Unell  
Leo Goldberg  
Bernard Rapoport

Frances Schwartz  
Mary Mack  
Bernice Segal Goldberg  
Anne Perlman Harris  
Simone Bauer  
Sarah Levine  
Simone Baur

Lois Scharff Zigel  
Ida Brodkey Fred  
Ida Brickman Sharman  
Jake Richard Schwartz  
Lindsay O'Daniel  
Beulah Scharff Nussbaum

# Simchas

## Birthdays

### March 9<sup>th</sup>

Matthew Andersson

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

Tracie Hermann

### March 17<sup>th</sup>

Lauren Wessinger

### March 20<sup>th</sup>

Pat Segal

### March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jane Bounds

### March 26<sup>th</sup>

David Bauer

### March 26<sup>th</sup>

Louis Hirsch

## Anniversary

### March 18<sup>th</sup>

David & Martha Bauer

# THE 2019 ONEG LIST

Kabbalat Shabbat is a space in time for holiness, rest, and joy. The women who create our Oneg's help create that space for us. Our Oneg list for 2019 is our first step to that joy. If you are on a date that does not work for you, please call another woman on the list, and trade with her! If you do not cook, something from the local grocer is a great solution! Remember, it is not about eating, it is about JOY! If you are not on the list and you are willing to help, or if you have a question, please call Suzan at 254.881.2131. You are not alone. If someone calls you to trade, please say "yes!" Make it work! We all have to say "yes" for this to work! Say "yes" to joy!

4-5-19 Sue Hanson

4-12-19 Mendy Hanson

4-26-19 Abby Garrett

5-3-19 Cheri Gardner

5-10-19 Ricki Florsheim

5-17-19 Sara Jo Englander

5-24-19 Elysse Englander

5-31-19 Ellan Burke

## Please consider making a donation to the Temple

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

Dear TRS Congregants;

Doing for others is for some people a key part of their daily lives. However, it is not only money that I wish to encourage everyone to give. How different would the world be if humanitarian generosity and understanding were added to everyone's list of things to give? Maybe it would also be better if we were to stress doing rather than the issues of why and how.

I reference these considerations in conjunction with the March 9<sup>th</sup> presentation by the Southern Poverty Law Center. After you read the following article from the Winter 2018, *SPLC Report*, I know that you will agree, regardless of politics, that this child and his family were in need. Helping them, and people like them, helps all of our children, our grandchildren and us.

Jim Shinder  
President, TRS



# Key ruling in SPLC case: Court rejects neo-Nazi's First Amendment defense

MISSOULA, Montana – A federal judge has rejected neo-Nazi leader Andrew Anglin's attempt to dismiss an SPLC lawsuit seeking to hold him accountable for orchestrating a campaign of terror against a Jewish woman and her family in Montana.

Anglin claimed in court filings that he was simply exercising his free speech rights when he incited a virtual army of online followers to harass Tanya Gersh, real estate agent living in Whitefish.

## Case will proceed to trial

The Gersh family, including Tanya's 12-year-old son, received hundreds of intimidating and threatening messages, including emails, phone calls and postcards, over a period of months.

Chief Judge Dana L. Christensen of the U.S. District Court in Montana accepted a magistrate's earlier recommendation and ruled against Anglin on November 14. The ruling means the case will proceed to trial.

"This important ruling underscores what both we and our client have said from the beginning of this case — that online campaigns of hate, threats, and intimidation have no place in a civil society and enjoy no protection under our Constitution," said David Dinielli, the SPLC attorney leading the case.

The suit accuses Anglin of invading Gersh's privacy and intentionally inflicting emotional distress. It also outlines how his campaign violated the Montana Anti-Intimidation Act.

## 'Let's Hit Em Up'

Anglin operates a website called the Daily Stormer, which takes its name from the Nazi propaganda sheet *Der Stürmer* and is the leading white supremacist web forum in the country.

In December 2016, Anglin published dozens of articles urging his followers to launch a "troll storm" targeting Gersh, who he accused of trying to extort money from the mother of white nationalist leader Richard Spencer. Gersh had offered to help the woman sell a building in Whitefish after residents of the town planned to protest her son's activities at the site.

Anglin and Spencer are both prominent leaders of the "alt-right" movement, and Anglin helped promote the deadly "Unite the Right" white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017.

"Tell them you are sickened by their Jew agenda," Anglin wrote under the headline "Jews Targeting Richard Spencer's Mother for Harassment and Extortion – TAKE ACTION!" The post included Gersh's contact information. It also included photographs of Gersh, her husband and son. One was altered to include a yellow Star of David with the label "Jude" – an allusion to the emblem the Nazi regime required Jews to wear during World War II.

## Antisemitic hate, death threats

Anglin launched his campaign with these words: "Let's Hit Em Up. Are y'all ready for an old-fashioned Troll Storm? Because AYO — it's that time, fam."

One message received by Gersh included an image of her being sprayed with a green gas, along with the words: *Hickory dickory dock, the kike ran up the clock. The clock struck three and the Internet Nazis trolls gassed the rest of them.*

There were also phone calls that consisted only of the sound of gunshots.



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