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BULLETIN

of TEMPLE BET YAM



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February 2018 Tevet / Shevat 5778

From the Desk of the Rabbi...

“Will you be my valentine?”

I remember back to the 6th grade, when all the class exchanged valentines. Of course we all bought those large packages of small valentines and maybe one or two larger ones for someone we were friendlier with—or someone we liked a bit—as we were just becoming aware of the opposite gender.

Today, of course it’s entirely different: Pre-teen sexuality is a serious issue, and the recent wave of harassment and abuse has instilled caution and reticence; on-line capability has magnified the threat to adolescents. The puppy love and largely innocent flirting of yesteryear has become a thing of the past.

Of course, Valentine’s Day was one of those quasi-holidays, secularized and commercialized. Some years ago, official voices in the Jewish community raised objection to Jews’ celebrating Valentine’s Day because its name and origin honors a Christian saint. I don’t concur. The religious nature of Valentine’s Day (yes, it is St. Valentine’s Day) is today inconsequential, unlike Easter or Christmas. So expressing affection and love to one’s spouse, partner, or love interest hardly compromises our Jewishness. It’s nice to say, “I appreciate you, I’m thinking about you, I care for you, or I love you” any time. On Valentine’s Day, Jews may appropriately ask, “Will you be my valentine?”

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

Save the Dates!

SHABBAT SERVICES THIS MONTH:
February 2
February 16

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB
Monday, February 5, at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Book: Together Tea by Marian Kamali

ANNUAL DELI NITE
Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

SISTERHOOD REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m.
Carol Levy: Hands On Art Project

DINING WITH DIGNITY:
Monday, February 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

MEN’S CLUB
Thursday, February 22, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Discussion: Dr. Stu Soroka, followed by dinner

LIFELONG LEARNING:
Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Megillah track: Esther for Purim

February Dates to Remember

(all events to be held at Temple Bet Yam unless indicated otherwise)

Friday, February 2
 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Tu B'Shvat

Sunday, February 4
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 5
 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club
Together Tea by Marian Kamali
 Moderators Ellen Miller & Jane Seiden
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 6
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Sunday, February 11
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 12
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15
 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Deli Nite

Friday, February 16
 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Monday, February 19
 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sisterhood Regular Meeting
 Carol Levy: Hands On Art Project
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining with Dignity
 St. Paul's A.M.E. Church
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 22
 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Men's Club
 Health Discussion with Dr. Stu Soroka
 Light Dinner

Sunday, February 25
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 26
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 28
 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning
 Megillah track: Esther for Purim



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Shalom, Mimi Selig

ONEGS

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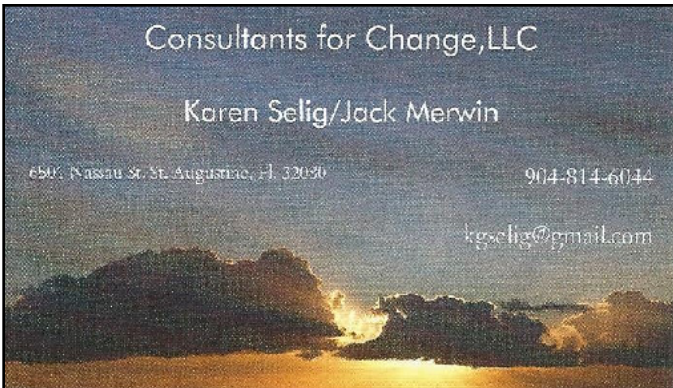
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