

In Touch with Temple Israel

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Fridays

Shabbat services — 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills and on Zoom

In-person services at Rolling Hills resumed Friday, April 16, for those who are fully vaccinated and comfortable attending. The services will be live-streamed on Zoom as well.

July

Virtual TI Board meeting — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14

All TI members are welcome to attend on Zoom.

August

Virtual TI Board meeting—6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 11

All TI members are welcome to attend on Zoom.

September and beyond

Virtual TI Board meeting—6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 8

All TI members are welcome to attend on Zoom.

Rosh Hashana — Begins at sunset Monday, September 6

Erev Rosh Hashana: Monday, September 6

8 p.m. Evening Service

Rosh Hashana: Tuesday, September 7

10 a.m. Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Tashlich

Group tour of Auschwitz exhibit — 10 a.m. Friday, September 10

About 25 TI members and guests have signed up for a special tour of "Auschwitz: Not Long Ago. Not Far Away." at Union Station. Dr. Andrew Bergerson, UMKC professor of modern German history and a founding member of Temple Israel, will lead the tour. Contact TI President Jon Scheinman at president.templeisraelkc@gmail.com to be put on a waiting list in case more tickets become available.

Yom Kippur — Begins at sunset Wednesday, September 15

Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, September 15

8 p.m. Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur: Thursday, September 16

10 a.m. Morning Service

1:30 p.m. Study Session

4 p.m. Yizkor/Concluding Service

Adult Education sessions, offered an hour before Shabbat services, have been suspended for now. Contact TI President Jon Scheinman at president.templeisraelkc@gmail.com to offer suggestions about the time, location and format you'd like to see. when they resume.

Life Cycle Events

Anniversaries

July

- 2 Stacy and Daniel Rainey
- 4 Piper Rainen and Jack Dervin
- 27 Catherine and Eugene Bortnick

August

- 23 Liz Kundin and Neil Shanberg

Birthdays

July

- 2 Felix Minskovsky
- 6 Fred Wickman
- 25 Daniel Scheinman
- 29 Skye Bergerson

August

- 3 Eugene Bortnick
- 4 Howard Goldwasser

- 5 Anita Grow
- 14 Lisa Lefkovitz
- 15 Liz Kundin
- 20 J.J. Bergerson
- 28 Joshua Marvine
- 28 Gavynn Presley Rainey
- 31 Dahlia Cukierkorn

Yahrzeits

July

- 4 James Rosenberg
- 8 Leo Keshner
- 10 Rubin Newman
- 19 Marc Bergerson
- 23 Irving A. Stern
- 24 Marylou Cordeiro
- 24 Emilie Lindsey
- 24 Anna Sabara

August

- 2 Shirley B. Baime
- 9 Jack Guenzburger
- 11 Jerry Valenti
- 13 Mary (Snitz) Stein

- 15 Murray Horwitz
- 15 Tillie Horwitz
- 17 Paul Valenti
- 18 Daniel Scheinman
- 19 June Horwitz
- 20 Wendell Beckord
- 21 Sidney Lefkovitz
- 21 Anna Palley
- 23 Clarence Ninke
- 24 Marjorie Beckord
- 25 Della Hawkins Jewell
- 26 Virginia Lois Lewis
- 28 Morris Katz
- 28 Janet Workman

Donations in May, June

Yvonne Cordeiro, in memory of Emilie Lindsey

Summer Farrar, in memory of Keith Farrar

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Fedotin, in honor of Jacques Cukierkorn's 10th anniversary as rabbi of Temple Israel

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Fedotin and family,
in memory of Anna Sabara

Helene and Steve Gabelnick, in memory of Ty Hampshire

Martha Katz, in memory of Elliott Louis Katz

Gary and Dottie Keshner, in memory of Ty Hampshire

Lisa Lefkovitz and family, in memory of Sally Valenti

Linda Walts, in memory of LaVerne Newman
and Isadore Newman

The Rabbi recommends...

Here are three podcasts Rabbi Cukierkorn suggests you view. He'll offer more, occasionally, in future newsletter editions.

Call Your Grandmother

<https://www.stitcher.com/show/603111> — 8 episodes

If 2020 proved anything, it's that EVERYONE needs a Jewish grandmother — they are natural comedians. The hosts introduce some less-than-traditional Jewish grandmothers and the unbreakable bond they have with their favorite grandkids. Tune in to get a dose of their boundless love, plus some advice you definitely didn't ask for but are happy to receive.

Take One Daf Yomi

<https://www.stitcher.com/show/495467> — 382 episodes

Jews around the world are in a 7 1/2-year cycle of Daf Yomi, reading the entire Talmud one page per day. This podcast will offer a brief and evocative daily read of the daf. After a brief introduction to the Talmud at large, the podcasts explain how all these rabbinic strictures can help us make sense of our modern, messy lives.

Unpacking Israeli History

<https://www.stitcher.com/show/571056> – 18 episodes

Explore the controversial, fascinating and confusing moments of Israeli history with host Noam Weissman. Join him each week as he unpacks another captivating story that you may have missed in history class.

Annual film festival coming to screens of all sizes

This year's Kansas City Jewish Film Festival will offer nine films for viewing virtually *and* in person August 1-21. They spotlight Jewish ideas and values and explore issues of culture, identity and history with a Jewish twist. Information about each film's length and language, and a brief description of its content, are below. Single-film tickets are \$14 and allow you to watch one movie once during its festival run. The festival will email a link to the film once you buy the ticket. Single-ticket sales for each movie will end at 9 p.m. on the last day it streams. Full festival passes will cost \$110. Buy tickets online at thejkc.org.

Sturgeon Queens (54 minutes, English) shown in person at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 1 in the White Theatre, streams August 1-7

Four generations of a Jewish immigrant family created Russ and Daughters, a lox and herring shop on New York City's Lower East Side. Four generations later the store celebrated its 100th anniversary. This documentary includes an interview with two of the immigrant daughters for whom the store was named.

Stranger/Sister (40 minutes, English) shown in person at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 8 in the White Theatre, streams August 2-8

Two ordinary women, one Muslim and one Jewish, dare to believe they can join hands to stop the wave of hate. Overcoming a long history of distrust between their two religions, they build a movement that challenges our approach about how to fight hate in America.

Shadow Country (2 hours 14 minutes, Czech) streams August 2-11

A small Austrian town of Schwarzwald is near the Austrian border, in the area forcibly annexed by Czechoslovakia in 1920. Most of the Czech-speaking citizens chose German nationality at the start of World War II. While peaceful during the war, after it the area was swept by violence.

Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance (1 hour 35 minutes, English) streams August 6-12

The crucial historical lessons of African-American and Jewish communities' cooperation during the Civil Rights Movement are revisited and revived in this utterly fascinating, urgent call to action. Yet, the relationship has frayed in recent years, as a once mighty bond of support and respect has seemingly faded, been forgotten, or ignored.

The Crossing (1 hour 36 minutes, Norwegian) streams August 8-14

Confidence, uncompromising loyalty and great courage are found in even the youngest children. The Crossing is about two children whose parents were in the Norwegian resistance movement during World War II. The parents are arrested just before Christmas in 1942, and the siblings discover two Jewish children

hidden in a secret basement cupboard. They finish what their parents started: help the Jewish children flee to Sweden.

Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz (1 hour 22 minutes, English) streams August 10-16

At 27, Ben Ferencz became lead prosecutor in the Einsatzgruppen case at Nuremberg. He is the last surviving Nuremberg prosecutor of the trial at which 22 Nazi officials were convicted of murdering more than 1 million people. A lifelong advocate of "law not war," his fight for justice for atrocity victims continues today.

Here We Are (1 hour 32 minutes, Hebrew) streams August 12-18

Aharon has devoted his life to raising his autistic son Uri. They live together in a gentle routine, away from the real world. But it might be time for Uri, now a young adult, to live in a specialized home. While on their way to the institution, Aharon decides to run away with his son, knowing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it, in fact, Aharon who is not ready?

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (1 hour 59 minutes, German) streams August 14-21

This adaptation of British author Judith Kerr's novel based on her childhood memories is directed by Oscar winner Caroline Link (Nowhere in Africa). The story of a Jewish family's escape from 1933 Berlin to Europe tackles prejudice, exile, displacement and adaptation, as told from the perspective of the author's alter ego. When her father vanishes, the family is secretly hurried out of Germany.

A Matter of Size (1 hour 30 minutes, Hebrew) Shown in person at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 15 in the White Theatre, streams August 15-21

A group of overweight Israeli friends are "fed up" with the sanctity of diets and the Dictatorship of Thinness of the diet workshop they participate in. One of them falls in love with the Sumo world and convinces a restaurant manager and former Sumo coach to work with his group of friends. Hilarity ensues.

Find the full festival schedule at https://www.thejkc.org/clientuploads/Cultural_Arts/Film_Festival/KCJFF%202021/Film_Calendar.pdf

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Annie, on stage and in person: The White Theatre celebrates its 15th anniversary, and the first live show since February 2020, when the Broadway musical opens Saturday, July 3. Performances will continue through Sunday, July 25. Annie will be available on demand starting Saturday, July 17. AnnieMania, a special family-friendly event on Sunday, July 11 in the MAC Room, will follow the matinee. Activities starting at 4 p.m. will include a caramel apple station, posing with cast members at an NYC photo booth and painting I♥NY T-shirts. Tickets for the play are \$21 to \$37, and AnnieMania tickets are \$10 per child with a play ticket. Buy tickets at <https://thewhitetheatre.secure.force.com/ticket/#/events/a0S5G00000liolsUAB>. Go to thejkc.org/anniemania for more information.

J at the K: Jewish Community Night at Kauffman Stadium is Wednesday, July 28, and the JCC will have a special kosher tailgate before the game in Lot N at Kauffman Stadium. Ellenberg Experience Catering will provide the food, and participants will dine at tented tables. Admission to the 5 p.m. tailgate is \$5 for JCC members and \$10 for guests. Tickets for the special themed game cost \$20 and include a Mensch on the Bench bobblehead. Buy those tickets through the White Theatre at <https://thewhitetheatre.secure.force.com/ticket/#/events/a0S5G00000lk23mUAB>. Parking passes will be specially priced at \$17 each and must be bought on the Royals website. Contact the White Theatre box office at (913) 327-8054 for the link. All participants will need to download the MLB Ballpark app to access their electronic tickets and parking pass. Instructions for doing that are at <https://mktg.mlbstatic.com/royals/downloads/tickets/2021-KC-Mobile-Ticket-Guide.pdf>

First step toward conversion: This year's communitywide course "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" begins Thursday, August 19. Classes are intended to acquaint those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live

Jewishly. The year-long course is designed for adults and taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and non-denominational movements. Most classes will be virtual via Zoom from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays. Some will be in-person at area synagogues and the Jewish Community Campus. The \$250 class fee includes all texts. Each student must secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor by February 1 and meet the conversion requirements developed by that sponsor. A virtual orientation session will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, August 12. Visit kcrabbi.org for more information. To register, contact Annette Fish, administrator/program director for the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, at afprogram@aol.com or (913) 327-8226.

Discovery, 2021 style: Nearly 30 classes will be offered virtually at this year's annual "Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City" on Zoom from 9:30-3 p.m. Sunday, August 22. Activities include a special lunch and learn session with the co-hosts of the radio show Religion on the Line. Advance registration will begin in early August and will be required for any of the day's activities. Details about registration, and where to find a list of the day's classes, will be available at the end of July at kcrabbi.org. Visit that website for more information or contact Annette Fish, the Rabbinical Association's administrator/program director, at (913) 327-8226 or afprogram@aol.com.

See you in September: The Shabbat Meals to Go program is taking July and August off. Meals will be available for purchase for Rosh Hashana catered by Kim Matsil (pick up Sunday, September 5) and Kol Nidre catered by Cathy Levin (pick up Wednesday, September 15). The next Shabbat Meal to Go will be for Friday, October 15, catered by Steve Ellenberg. Visit kcrabbi.org in early August for menus, early ordering deadlines and new ordering link or contact Annette Fish at afprogram@aol.com or (913) 327-8226.