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## FIRST CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

Robert Goetz will chair the 2018 Nominating Committee and needs 2 members of the congregation to assist him in the important task of finding next year's leadership.

Anyone interested in being considered for a position on our Board can contact Robert at [TBIpcWebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:TBIpcWebmaster@gmail.com).

Also, any member in good standing of the Congregation wishing to run for office can directly submit his or her name, and the office for which they wish to run, in writing, to Temple Secretary Linette Sternlicht.

Nominations will be closed following the May Board meeting, to allow for notification to the congregation, prior to the Annual Meeting, of the nominations, including the Board's recommended slate. Election of officers and trustees will be held at our Annual Congregational Meeting in June of this year.

**The previously announced Kosher Wine-Tasting event scheduled for March 10 has been canceled.**



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR OUR  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER**

6:00 pm MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> | See page 7



### History Lessons

by Rabbi Alana Wasserman

The month of March begins and ends with Jewish holidays this year. On March 1, Jewish people around the world will be shaking their graggers at the mention of Haman's (boo!) name as we celebrate the

holiday of Purim. On March 30 and 31, we will retell the story of the Exodus through the Passover seder. Both of these holidays are based on two stories of how the Jewish people overcame persecution.

We retell these stories year after year to remind ourselves of what it was like to be enslaved and oppressed, and how precious our freedom is. We remember how much we would have appreciated help from others. We recount and recall so that history won't repeat itself.

Unfortunately, nowadays, we are experiencing an increase in prejudice. Most recently, Nikolas Cruz murdered 17 people at a Florida high school. Five of those killed were Jewish. Cruz was known for his hatred of Jewish and black people. He participated in a paramilitary training with a white supremacist group called the Republic of Florida. While

not all of the victims were black or Jewish, hatred and prejudice clearly played a role in this murder.

Retelling the story of Purim and Passover are great first steps in combating prejudice. However, there are many more steps we need to take to prevent hatred and bloodshed. I encourage all of us to **do something**. Whether it's marching for stricter gun laws with the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School (March For Our Lives), or protesting speakers like Richard Spencer, **do something**. Our words are not enough. We need to be like Esther, Mordechai, and Moses. They spoke up and took action to end prejudice. We need to do the same.

Please do not forget to RSVP to our congregational seder. It will take place on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at Temple B'nai Israel. I hope to see you there!



### From the Temple President

by Mike Starkman

February was an interesting month for me with the religious school. I had the honor of teaching the children how to complete the mitzvot of laying tefillin. We spent time reviewing why this is a mitzvah. This is the second year that we've done this and as in the past the children were very interested in the task. This month the children also led an absolutely wonderful service. The sermon was an inspiring skit on the delight of the Sabbath meal. It is a pleasure to watch our children grow each year.

On a different note, the board has approved the selection of Robert Goetz as the nominating committee

chair. If you are interested in helping shape the future of our Temple, please contact him to either serve on the committee or to express your desire to serve on the board.

Next month, we will be celebrating Passover by observing the 2nd Seder on the 31st. Our Rabbi, Rabbi Wasserman will be leading us in the Seder. Please plan to attend and send your reservations as quickly as possible.

As, always please feel free to contact me or any board member with your desires or concerns.

B'shalom - Mike

### March Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

Take a break from the hectic work week and mark the Day of Rest with lighting of the candles.

03/02 | 5:24 pm    03/09 | 5:29 pm    03/16 | 6:34 pm    03/23 | 6:38 pm    03/30 | 6:42 pm

# MARCH JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

## Y A H R Z E I T S - THEIR MEMORIES ARE FOR US A BLESSING

03/03 **ARNOLD KLATSKY** - FATHER OF ELIZABETH BERMAN  
 03/03 **ALICE NAGLER** - MOTHER OF ED NAGLER  
 03/06 **BOB KRASELSKY** - HUSBAND OF MARSHA KRASELSKY  
 03/14 **ARTHUR PELL** - FATHER OF BOB PELL  
 03/19 **BEVERLY JOAN ROTMAN** - COUSIN OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN  
 03/22 **EUDANEL DEJOHN** - MOTHER OF ANNE MILLER  
 03/30 **ANN SILVER** - MOTHER OF ANITA SKOULA



## BIRTHDAYS

03/04 JACKIE & LIZZIE STERNLICHT  
 03/04 SONNY GLASS  
 03/09 PAM SUTTON  
 03/18 MIKE STONE  
 03/19 BENJAMIN ZIPES  
 03/23 ED NAGLER  
 03/25 PAMELA SOSTHEIM

## ANNIVERSARIES

03/10 ED & DIANNA NAGLER  
 03/24 MIKE & MARY STARKMAN

If your Joy or Remembrance is missing or incorrect please e-mail your friendly neighborhood Editors at *The AZOY*:  
[theazoy@gmail.com](mailto:theazoy@gmail.com)

## MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

SAT	03/01		Purim
SUN	03/04	9:30 am	Religious School: <i>BirthDay Celebration</i>
FRI	03/09	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner - <i>please bring a side dish</i> Shabbat Service with Rabbi Wasserman
SAT	03/10	12:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:30 pm	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wasserman - <i>bring a bag lunch, we'll provide beverages</i> Havdalah at Rick Seltzer Park, Panama City Beach Dinner at a local eatery
SUN	03/11	2:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Spring Forward: Daylight Savings Time begins - <i>set clocks forward 1 hour</i> Religious School: <i>Preparing for Passover with Rabbi Wasserman</i> Stump the Rabbi
WED	03/14	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
FRI	03/16		<b><i>Deadline to reserve your seat at the Seder table!</i></b>
SAT	03/17	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn
SUN	03/18	9:30 am	Religious School: <i>Matzoh bake-off</i>
WED	03/21	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
SUN	03/25		No Religious School - <i>Spring Break</i>
FRI	03/30		1st night of Passover
SAT	03/31	6:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER</b> - <i>please see last page for reservation form</i>



## Sisterhood Update by Judith Scott

The next Sisterhood meeting will be March 21st at 6:30 pm.

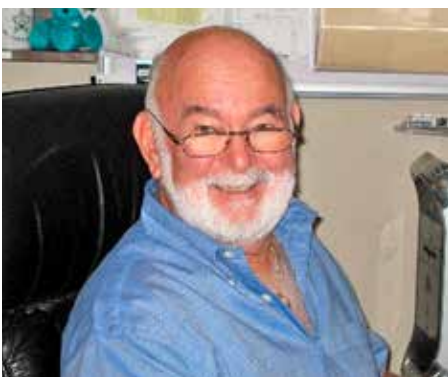
Our next project will be the Community Seder, which will be led by Rabbi Wasserman. Calls will be going out for help with the Seder. Alma Glass is coordinating our efforts again this year. Please take the time to fill in and return the reservation form, which appears on the last page of this issue of *The Azoy*.

Sisterhood participated with the Interfaith council at their gathering this month. We spoke with about 30 folks from other faith communities. The food was great, and the communion was powerful and positive.

Our hearts go out to Mary Starkman, Alma Glass and Sue Gulkis for their recent losses.

Sick call: Prayers for a speedy recovery to Sharon Yordon and Sarah Farkas.

**Special Congratulations to:** Tammy Marinuzzi for her successful show last month at Gulf Coast State College and her continued work on the Pondiwalk project.



## TODAH RABAH January Donations for Mitzvot and to Remember

*Tzedakah is a mitzvah, a unique privilege granted to every Jew. Remembering friends and family in this manner is an appropriate way to show our feelings towards both our loved ones and our community.*

We want to thank the following for their contributions:

Get well wishes to Nate Mewhinney –  
from Judith Scott & Sarah Farkas

Get well wishes to Steve Theberge –  
from Mike & Mary Starkman  
from Judith Scott & Sarah Farkas

In memory of Norm Gulkis –  
from Mike & Mary Starkman  
from Stephen &Carolynn Sickerman  
from Samuel & Marjorie Gulkis

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact Mary Starkman at [mary\\_starkman@comcast.net](mailto:mary_starkman@comcast.net).

## Religious School Students Lead Shabbat Service

With song, prayer -- and a play -- our Religious School students led the Shabbat service on February 9, 2018, accompanied by Dan Sternlicht on the guitar.

See next page for photos, which were taken by Mike Starkman.

## Panama City Remembers Norm Gulkis

Temple member Norm Gulkis, 85, passed away January 25, 2018.

Norm was born January 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, NY and served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era. He was passionate about cooking, reading, scuba diving, his family and the community. He was Chairman of AMIKids - Panama City Marine Institute, President of Crime Stoppers and an active member of Rotary International. He was remembered at the Temple during our Shabbat service January 26; a celebration of his life was held January 29 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

His obituary appeared in *The Panama City News Herald*:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newsherald/obituary.aspx?pid=187985073>

His passing was also noted on TV by WMBB Newschannel 13: <http://www.mypanhandle.com/news/panama-city-remembers-norm-gulkis/939542082>

TBI extends our sympathies to his wife, Sue, their son and 2 daughters, and extended families.







### Super Bowl Wrap

Once again Mike Starkman spent the morning of Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, with our Religious School students, discussing how, why, and when tefillin are worn – and reciting the prayers as they are wrapped around the forehead and forearm.

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# PASSOVER SEDER

**Our Community Seder Service will be conducted by Rabbi Alana Wasserman**



In order to give everyone plenty of time to make reservations please review the details and use the RSVP Form below.

For more information, call: **Alma Glass** at 850-747-1015 or e-mail her at [rosenglas@comcast.net](mailto:rosenglas@comcast.net)

**DATE:** Saturday, March 31, 2018

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** 1910 Frankford Avenue

**SEATING:** Limited to 110

Please note that **TICKET** prices are reduced for members of Temple B'nai Israel

<b>MEMBERS</b>	Adults: \$35.00	Children under <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> : \$10.00	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>NON-MEMBERS</b>	Adults: \$45.00	Children under <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> : \$15.00	<b>NON-MEMBERS</b>

**RSVP Deadline :** Payment with form must be received by **March 16, 2018**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

**NON-MEMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults @ \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Form of payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check - payable to: Temple B'nai Israel

Additional donation: \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and photocopy or cut out this RSVP form and mail with payment to:

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