

# TEMPLE REYIM

*A Community of Friends*

קשר  
לישראל

Connection to  
Israel

## Israel Learning and Engagement at Reyim

Rabbi Berman

Our bulletin this month focuses on Israel, as we have just observed Yom Ha'zikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, and celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 69<sup>th</sup> year of independence.

Our congregation has a very special relationship with Israel. Many of our members have lived there, or have children who live there. Many others travel to Israel frequently and know the country intimately.

As a community of friends, two primary questions frame our special relationship with Israel:

First, how can we engage with and learn about Israel in ways that are dynamic, meaningful and impactful? Second, how can we embrace the fullness and diversity of experiences and perspectives among our members? In planning programs for our shul, we constantly strive to meet the challenges of these questions.

My approach always has been to start with learning. In the spring of 2016, thirty Reyim members finished a two-year, intensive study program, called "Tzion," founded by Rabbi David Starr. It focused on the history of Israel and Zionism.

Additionally, we often invite Wexner Israel Fellows, journalists, civil rights activists and organizational leaders to speak to our community at Reyim and at my home.

Perhaps the most impactful will be this coming fall when we will be having our first congregational trip to Israel in decades. Many of our Reyim members will be joining us on an intensive, one-week program developed together with Kaleidoscope. We will meet with Israeli, Arab and Palestinian leaders from various religious, political and ideological perspectives on the peace process, geopolitics, co-existence, culture, law, business, finance and technology. We will spend Shabbat together before the core trip so that we can prepare for our experience.

We're thrilled for this opportunity to strengthen our understanding of the complex issues facing those who live in Israel and the region, challenge our assumptions, deepen our knowledge, and build our friendships. If you are interested in learning more, please be in touch! May we all be blessed in our coming and in our going.

## Getting to Know Each Other

*Robin and Erez Leshem, Roey, Eitan and Elah*



**E**rez grew up in Savyon, a small suburb of Tel Aviv. **Robin** was born and raised in Newton. How did they come to meet and raise a family together? In Yiddish, we call this *besheit*.

It was Rosh Hashanah and Robin, who was living in Israel, was invited to friends of her parents for the chag. Her childhood friend, who was dating an Israeli, made a much better (and life changing!) offer: come have dinner with his family instead. Robin accepted. Erez was there and they met for the first time, though they only spoke briefly. They met again at the wedding of that same couple. Reacquainting themselves, sparks began to fly. Those sparks were even caught on the wedding video!

When they met, Erez had completed a dual degree in finance and law. After taking the bar exam, he was managing a consulting group at Ernst & Young in Tel Aviv, specializing in high tech. *(continued on page 2)*

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Robin lived in Israel for two years after college working with nonprofits. After attending law school in the U.S., she returned to Israel to take a clerkship with Justice Dalia Dorner of the Israeli Supreme Court. She passed the Israeli bar and joined an Israeli law firm.

Robin and Erez were married in Israel in a Jewish egalitarian ceremony, officiated by the JTS Professor of Talmud, Rabbi Judith Hauptman. While groundbreaking in Israel for a woman rabbi to officiate, even those who were initially skeptical commented that the ceremony was meaningful and beautiful! In keeping with their nontraditional ceremony, after they both broke glasses, instead of "siman tov u'mazal tov," they blasted Guns and Roses' "Sweet Child of Mine."

They, then embarked on a seven-month backpacking honeymoon in South America, including a Passover Seder with 300 Israelis at Chabad in Rio de Janeiro.

Robin is now Assistant General Counsel at MathWorks, and Erez is a start-up entrepreneur in marketing technology. They have three wonderful children, **Roey, Eitan and Elah**. As a family, they love the outdoors, including skiing, mountain biking and hiking as well as traveling. They try to visit Israel every year.

The kids attend Solomon Schechter Day School, play soccer and piano, and participate on a ski racing team. They have already made lots of new friends at Reyim. Roey is becoming Bar Mitzvah in February, 2018 at Reyim!

*We are thrilled that the Leshem family has joined the Reyim community, and look forward to getting to know each other even better in the coming years.*

Galilee in  
the spring



## Fourth Annual Israel Shabbaton

Four years ago we began a new tradition at Reyim: dedicating a full Shabbat and weekend to celebrating and learning about Israel during the week of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

This year, we were moved by stories **Ian Noy** shared on Shabbat morning about his family's experiences in Israel, where he was born and raised. As **Ian and Lynda Adler** move to Florida, we wish them so much love and blessing. Their passion and dedication to Israel learning and engagement has been an enormous gift.

Our Shabbaton then focused on the intersection of medicine, medical care, military service and geopolitics. Dr. Yuval Ran, a Wexner Israel Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, spoke about his choice to serve as an orthopedic surgeon in the IDF. He powerfully described how important service is to him, and his experiences of caring for the wounded. Sunday morning, our guest lecturer was Dr. Sigmund Kharasch, the Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department for many years at Boston Medical Center. He also serves in the pediatric emergency medicine departments at Hadassah Hospital in Mt. Scopus and Ein-Kerem. Dr. Kharasch described the multi-ethnic fabric of patients, doctors and staff. He taught that despite great political differences in a hospital setting, peace and goodwill always prevail. Throughout the weekend, we were (as always) well fed by our Ayin Chefs! Thank you to all who participated and attended this very special weekend.



ברוכים הבאים

Bruchim Ha'baim **Welcome!**

We warmly welcome our newest members. We're thrilled you're here at Reyim!

Suzanne Hodes

Linda Wolf, Stephen Bennett and Raya

**MAZAL TOV!  
BIRTHS**

**Rob and Lesley Daniel** and big sister **Leora** on the birth of their son, **Mitchell Aaron**

**Elaine and Herb Kamowitz** on the birth of their twin great-granddaughters

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

**Millie Kessler** 90 years

**DONATIONS**

*Temple Reyim gratefully acknowledges the generous donations to our synagogue funds. To learn more about our funds and the many ways to support the shul, please call the office at (617) 527-2410 or contact Rabbi Berman.*

*Please see the inserted page for a full list of recent donations to Temple Reyim.*

**LOVINGLY  
REMEMBERING OUR  
MEMBERS**

**JO-ANNE SMOLLER**

**RICHARD FREUDBERG**

*May their memories be a blessing to all who knew and loved them.*

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

**Rita Freudberg** on the loss of her husband, **Richard Fruedberg**

**David and Robin Goldwater** on the loss of David's mother, **Minnie Goldwater**

**Hannah and Michaela Maleson** on the loss of their father, **Michael Maleson**

המקום ינחם  
אתכם בתוך שאר  
אבלי ציון וירושלים

*May God bring comfort and strength to your families together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

**TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT**

**Tuesday Night, May 30**

**Jewish Ritual Innovation:**

**An Evening of Learning (and Eating!)**

**6:00 p.m. Cheese Making and Tasting Workshop**  
with Chef and Engineer **Kimi Ceridon**

**7:00 p.m. Improv Theater for kids & teens**  
with **Laura Bellows**

**8:00 p.m. Maariv/Kiddush**

**8:15 p.m. "A Royal Wedding"**  
taught by **Carol Stollar**

**8:45 p.m. Delectable dairy desserts**

**9:30 p.m. "Ritual Innovation in Jewish Tradition"**  
taught by **Rabbi Berman**

**10:30 p.m. "Ritual Lab Workshop"**  
taught by **Laura Bellows**



**Campaign for Reyim**

In January, 2017, we officially launched Campaign For Reyim. Our goal is to raise \$2 million dollars by June, 2018.

This money will be used to repair our roof, eliminate our debt, enable us to potentially hire an additional professional, give our public spaces a much needed refresh, and offer enhanced opportunities to build our community. As of May 12, we are a quarter of the way toward our goal! Thank you so much to all who have given!

To learn more, follow along at [thecampaignforreyim.blogspot.com](http://thecampaignforreyim.blogspot.com).

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## MAY & JUNE (IYAR/TAMMUZ) 5777 - 2017

### DAILY SHACHARIT SERVICES

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.  
Rosh Chodesh & Chol Hamoed at 6:45 a.m.  
National Holidays at 8:00 a.m.

### SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Festival morning at 9:30 a.m.  
Mincha at 1:00 p.m.  
Family Learners' Minyan at 10:30 a.m.

**Shabbat, May 20**  
**Eisik & Ross Borten Bnei Mitzvah**  
Parshat Behar-Bechukotai  
Tot Shabbat 11:00 a.m.

**Shabbat, May 27**  
**Jacob Landau's Bar Mitzvah**  
Parshat Bamidbar

**Monday, May 29**  
**Memorial Day**  
Shacharit 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 30**  
**Erev Shavuot & Tikkun Leyl Shavuot**

**Wednesday, May 31**  
**Shavuot**  
Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Mincha Maariv 8:10 p.m.

**Thursday June 1**  
**Shavuot/Yizkor**  
Shacharit 6:45 & 9:00 a.m.  
Mincha Maariv 8:10 p.m.

**Shabbat, June 3**  
Parshat Naso  
Tot Shabbat 11:00 a.m.

**Friday, June 9**  
Shabbat Reyim 6:00 p.m.

**Shabbat, June 10**  
Parshat Beha'alotcha

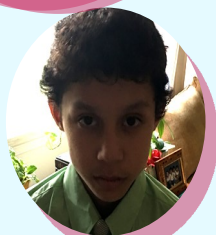
**Shabbat, June 17**  
Parshat Shelach/Shabbaton

**Shabbat, June 24**  
Parshat Korach

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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| 5/19...7:46 p.m.   | 6/9 .....8:03 p.m. |
| 5/26 ...7:53 p.m.  | 6/16....8:03 p.m.  |
| 5/30 ....7:56 p.m. | 6/23 ....8:06 p.m. |
| 5/31 ....9:06 p.m. | 6/30....8:08 p.m.  |
| 6/2 .....7:58 p.m. |                    |

For our full calendar, check the weekly Reyim Shelanu email or visit us online at [www.reyim.org](http://www.reyim.org)



Ross



Eisik

### B'nei Mitzvah of Eisik & Ross Borton Shabbat Morning, May 20

Ross and Eisik are in the seventh grade at F. A. Day Middle School. Ross' favorite subject in school is science and one of his treasured hobbies is learning about animals. He is considering becoming a veterinarian. Eisik enjoys art. He is an avid reader and adores *The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner. He runs track, competing in the 200-yard dash.

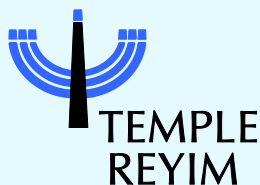
As a mitzvah project, Eisik and Ross will be volunteering at the Buddy Dog Humane Society Inc. in Sudbury. To benefit members of the Jewish Family & Children's Service, they will be donating their nutritious centerpieces to Family Table.

### Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Landau Shabbat Morning, May 27

Jacob is currently a seventh grader at Wellesley Middle School. He enjoys learning Chinese and playing three musical instruments.



Jacob



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