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Temple Beth El
UTICA, NY



President's Message

Marsha Silverman

A reminder that the offices of Temple Beth El will be housed at Sitrin for the months of April, May and June. Shabbat services and classes will be held at the JCC. We thank both Sitrin and the JCF for donating to us the spaces needed.

We celebrated on Erev Purim with members of Temple Emanu-El sharing food, a Wizard of Oz Purim Speil and the reading of the Megillah. The carnival brought the religious school students together for family fun, games and food. Many thanks to the committee members who gave of their time to make Purim a real celebration and to Temple Emanu-El for hosting the events. Check out the photos in this issue of the Temple Times.

April's calendar brings us Passover and the Community Seder on Sunday, April 13th at the JCC - 6:00PM.

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Also, mark your calendar for the annual Helen and Leon Holocaust Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30PM - JCC.

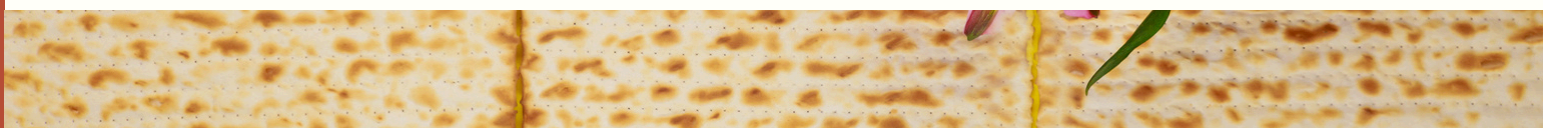
Israeli Independence Day will be celebrated with a FREE performance by ABCdario Dance Company in Wellin Hall at Hamilton College on Sunday, April 27th at 4:30PM. Bring your family and friends as we observe Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Kindly consider placing an ad in the program

book for the performance at Wellin Hall. We are trying to offset the costs for the Federation. You will find the information later in this issue or call Temple 315-724-4751. Thank you in advance!

May all the hostages be released before I write again,

Marsha



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

It has been over 500 days of learning that the world is not as safe as it once seemed, that many of those who appeared to be close to us are not necessarily so. 500 days of realizing that there are many, many people who choose to believe in the easy lie and have no real interest in delving deeper to uncover the truth.

It has also been over 500 days of appreciating those who do stand by us as a People. Those who refuse to be trapped by cheap propaganda and genuinely seek to be informed, even raising their voices to spread the real motivations behind a conflict that seems eternal.

More than 500 days of learning to tolerate differences, of accepting, now more than ever, that there are those who, even in the face of senseless and boundless violence and death, still raise their voices for the rights of those who did not even respect the fundamental right to life of the most fragile among us... the babies.

And yet, in the streets of different cities in Israel, we continue to see people singing and dancing on Purim. We have witnessed Jewish weddings, chuppot being celebrated with joy. We have been surprised to see that the People of Israel continue to sing Am Yisrael Chai, even when there are those, within this very nation that refuses to disappear, who have the shameless audacity to demand justice for those who have only sought, and continue to seek, to destroy us. Not the civilians, but the terrorists.

In times of war, when pain and uncertainty fill the air, returning to dance and song may seem irrelevant or even frivolous. However, in the context of Israel, where the very existence of the Jewish people has been tested time and again, these expressions of joy and resilience take on profound meaning.

The history of the Jewish people is marked by a constant struggle between persecution and survival, but also by the ability to overcome adversity without losing the essence of their culture and identity. Three dates in the Hebrew calendar reflect this duality intensely: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day; Yom HaZikaron, Memorial

Day for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism; and Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

These commemorations, occurring in a short period of time, take us from the deepest mourning to the celebration of sovereignty and hope. In this emotional transition, dance and song become fundamental tools for collective resilience.

Yom HaShoah confronts us with the memory of the Shoah, the genocide that sought to exterminate the Jewish people and left an indelible wound on humanity. On this day, silence and solemnity prevail, reminding us of the fragility of existence and the importance of remembrance. In the concentration camps, even in the darkest moments, prisoners found in music and dance a form of resistance. In the ghettos, clandestine concerts were organized, and songs were written as a refuge from the brutality of the Nazi regime.

Today, in the midst of a war affecting Israel and shaking its society, this lesson remains relevant. Singing and dancing are not ways to ignore suffering but rather to reaffirm life. It is a reminder that, even when enemies seek to break the spirit of a people, there is a spark that cannot be extinguished. Dancing and singing in times of war is saying: "Despite everything, we are still here." One day before Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel commemorates Yom HaZikaron, the day when fallen soldiers who defended the country and victims of terrorism are honored. It is a day of profound national mourning, where sirens halt the rhythm of daily life, and the entire country immerses itself in remembrance of those who gave their lives for the survival of the State of Israel.

However, in this mourning, there is also a lesson: the sacrifice of those who gave their

lives was not in vain but rather ensured the existence and continuity of the Jewish people, even if at times it feels unfair and hollow. In the commemoration ceremonies, songs play a key role, often melancholic and reflective, but always with a message of unity and resilience. Despite the sadness, music continues to play, preparing the soul of the people for the emotional transformation that comes with Yom HaAtzmaut.

Just one day after Yom HaZikaron, Israel celebrates Yom HaAtzmaut, the anniversary of its independence. This closeness in the calendar is no coincidence: it underscores the transformation of pain into strength and mourning into hope. The independence of Israel not only represents the culmination of the Zionist dream but is also tangible proof that the Jewish people do not bend in the face of adversity.

On the streets of Israel, Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations are marked by music, dancing, and song. The same people who, just hours earlier, were mourning at Yom HaZikaron ceremonies now hold hands to dance and sing in plazas and parks. This abrupt emotional shift is a unique characteristic of the people of Israel, who do not forget the past but also do not allow themselves to be trapped in sorrow.

In times of war, this tradition takes on even greater significance. When sirens interrupt daily routines and uncertainty settles into everyday life, dancing and singing become a declaration of resistance. In shelters, military bases, and homes, music continues to play, reminding us that identity and culture are stronger than any threat.

Music and dance have the power to unite

people, reminding them that they are not alone in their pain or in their hope. In the midst of war, these artistic expressions serve as a universal language that transcends ideological and political barriers.

Israel has demonstrated throughout its history that culture is not a luxury but a necessity. When Am Yisrae I Chai (The People of Israel Live) is sung, it is not just a song but a cry of determination. When hours are spent dancing in a rikudá (Israeli collective dance), it is not just a recreational activity but an act of community and resistance.

Returning to song and dance in the midst of war is not an escape from reality but an affirmation of life. It is a bridge connecting the pain of Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron with the joy of Yom HaAtzmaut, reminding us that even in the darkest times, the light of culture and identity continues to shine.

The dance performance we are about to witness together at Wellin Hall at Hamilton College on April 27 at 4:30 PM says it all: We Can Dance Again. In the midst of ongoing violence and war, let us come together to celebrate life, to transition from the sorrow of the Shoah and Yom HaZikaron toward the rebirth of the Jewish State, the State of Israel, the beginning of our redemption.

Let us dance because we can and because we must. Let us sing because we can and because we must.

Above all... and specially in the month of the celebration of our freedom as a People, let us celebrate life together, and let us proclaim once more that the People of Israel live and endure.

Am Yisrael Chai Vekayam!



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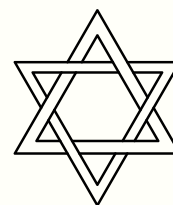
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SERVICES AND CLASSES WILL BE AT THE JCC AT THE REGULAR TIMES.

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Thank you all.

Shabbat Services

Friday Evening: 5:30 pm

Saturday Morning: 9:30 am

Join us at Temple or on Zoom

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May

MAY BIRTHDAYS	Date	MAY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Denise Goldberg	09	Stuart and JoAnne Hirshfield	5/28/1972
Irwin Rosen	29	Steven and Rhea Levine	5/3/1981
Lauren Finer	16		
Sherry Goldberg	16		
Courtney Lampert	16		
Rachel Philipson	18		
Ann Siegel	18		
Joyce The Voice	23		
Rebecca Socolof	25		
Julia Neslin	29		



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Please call the temple office at 315-724-4751 or mail a check to add a birthday, anniversary, or another special celebration to our list of simchas.

Deadline: 15th of the month. Cost \$1.50 ea.

If submitting **by mail**, include the name and date of your simcha(s) as you wish it to appear on the simcha gram, as well as your telephone number and a check made out to the temple.

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APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>APRIL showers BRING MAY flowers</p>		<p>1</p> <p>TBE Board Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>TBE Religious School 4:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30</p>	<p>12 Erev Passover</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM</p>
<p>13 Passover</p> <p>Community Seder at the JCC 6:00 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>TBE Religious School 4:00 PM</p> <p>TE Membership Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30</p>	<p>19</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM</p>
<p>20</p>		<p>22</p> <p>TBE No Religious School</p>	<p>23 Erev Yom HaShoah</p> <p>Annual Sperling Holocaust Program at the JCC 7:30 PM</p>	<p>24 Yom HaShoah</p>	<p>25</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM</p>
<p>27</p> <p>TBE Israel Independence Day Celebration 4:30 PM at Hamilton College</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Erev Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtzmaut</p> <p>TBE Religious School 4:00 PM</p>	<p>30 Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtzmaut</p>			




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Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits observed during the week of April 5 to 11, 2025 – 7 to 13 Nisan 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 4, 2025

Martin Abelow*	Jacob J. Gordon*	Isidore Landset*	Bessie Sitrin*
Herman J. Abrams	Max Goldberg*	Saul L. Meyers*	Chester Sitrin*
Charles Louis Abelow	Moses B. Goldstone*	Hyman Mettleman*	Sara M. Silverman*
Ethel Beckwith*	Rosalyn Horowitz*	Frances Oberman*	Arnold Speiler
Norman Baker*	Mitchell A. Harris*	Harry Popick*	Herman Sherman*
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Max Berkowitz*	Hattie Jacobson*	Louis Rosenthal*	Jack Stern*
Joseph Cohen*	Harry S. Kowalsky*	Philip Rodin*	Gordon F. Seely*
Nathan Cynkus*	Wolfe Kowalsky*	H. Robert Rosenblum*	Jacob N. Sitirin*
Jennie Damsky*	Eleanor J. Kowalsky*	Joel Irving Rudolph*	Israel Taylor*
Flora Feldman*	Arthur J. Kirschtein*	Jacob H. Samuels*	Miriam G. Tapper*
Robert J. Goodman*			

Yahrzeits observed during the week of April 12 to 18, 2025 – 14 to 20 Nisan, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 11, 2025

Louis Abelson*	Sigmund Dumain*	Hattie Krohn*	John D. Rubin*
Rose Abelow*	Leona Firstenberg*	Charles Kaplan	Louis Snyder*
Sadye Vyner Allen*	Robert Feldman*	Sisel Levinson*	Mark Simons*
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Harry Bartnick*	Herman Hoffman*	Jacob Rothchild*	Frances F. Smith*
Mollye Brill Case*	Helene Jacobs	Sarah Ribyat*	Morris Solomon*
Belle Cominsky*	Lawrence Jaffey	Yetta Rossky*	Fannie Zavotsky
Bertha Dumain*	Anna Kay*	Myron Rothschild*	Rose Zeidner*

Yahrzeits observed during the week of April 19 to 25, 2025 – 21 to 27 Nisan 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 18, 2025

Harold D. Antovii*	Jacob H. Galinn*	Samuel Marans*	Goldie Sitrin*
Max Antovii*	Fanny Greenberg*	Ida Morgan*	Otto Sonne*
Leah Berger*	Sophie Jimnefsky*	Avis Meyers*	Victor S. Solomon*
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Edward N. Grossman*			Edward Zeidner

Yahrzeits observed during the week of April 26 to May 2, 2025 – 28 Nisan to 4 Iyar, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 25, 2025

Sidney Boyer*	Lester P. Eidelhoch*	Ide Kirschbaum*	Dora Savett*
Rose Cohen*	Freda A. Grossman*	Bettye P. Kaplan*	Joseph Sherman*
Esther L. Cummins	Rosa K. Goldberg*	Gordon Manning*	Morris Tavrow*
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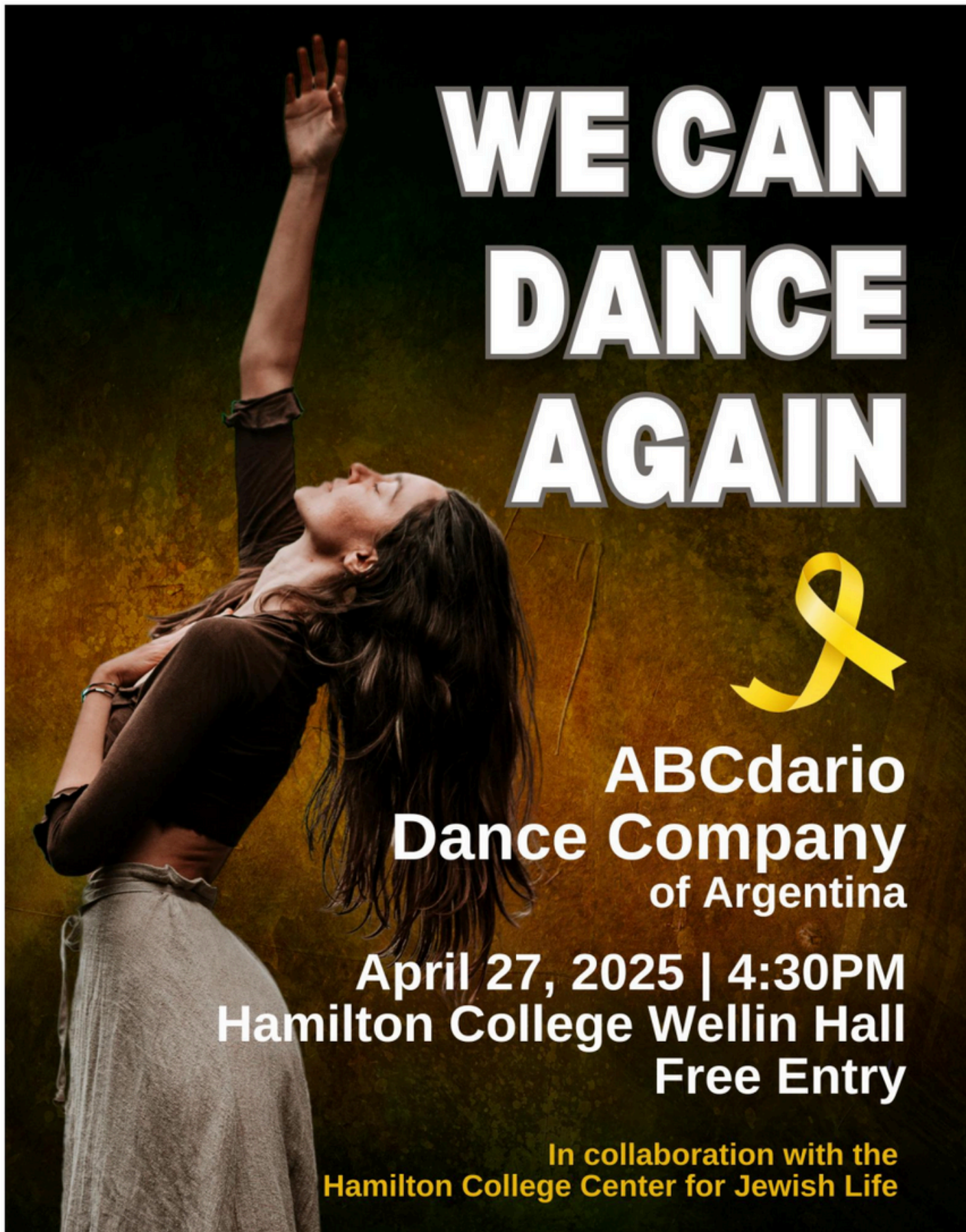
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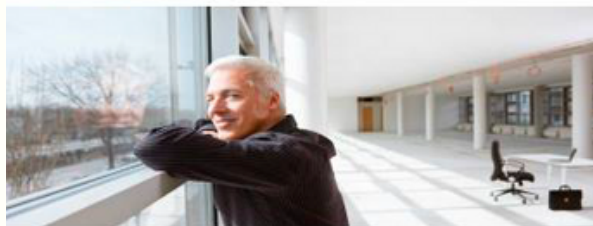
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