

CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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**SHABBAT SERVICE \* LUNCH & LEARN**  
***“The Jewish Tradition of Questioning”***  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 at 10 AM**

Following Shabbat Services, stay for pizza and salad and learn with Rabbi Eliza.  
(Donations welcomed for the pizza).

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***

Due to the special learning opportunity at “Lunch and Learn”, we will only meet briefly before services at **9:40 AM** to practice building simple Hebrew words.

After services, the students can participate in the rabbinic intern Eliza McCarroll’s adult education session. Learning about the Jewish tradition of asking questions is especially relevant for teenagers.

***TORAH STUDY***

with Steve Wyke

***There will be no Torah Study on Friday in January or February.***



**Jeff Foster**, from San Diego, CA with his aunt, **Mitzi Saeman**, Reynoldsburg, OH visiting at Temple recently. Both, members of Temple, were in town and wanted to tour the synagogue building. Thank you **Judy Feinstein** for providing lunch while they visited.

## MESSAGE FROM STUDENT RABBI ELIZA



.. This week, as we meet once more, we read the parasha “Ki Tisa” - “and you shall bring”.

Within the portion, we see the appointment of Bezalel to build the Mishkan (Tabernacle), as well as the infamous incident of the Golden Calf; well, we can’t say our Torah isn’t action-packed!

Fascinatingly, we see a motif of gold, as both the Golden Calf and the Mishkan (the Tabernacle) were constructed using this luxurious metal.

Furthermore, these two events are juxtaposed, perhaps purposefully, with their relevant units occurring one after the other, highlighting the idea of an opposition between the creation and destruction of holiness.

Upon reflection, then, the parasha appeared to be an extended treatise regarding holiness, covering such themes as the keeping of Shabbat and the pilgrimage festivals, Moses’ intimate relationship with God, and a reiteration of the Covenantal promises between God and the Israelites - all ways in which our ancient ancestors were supposed to show due reverence towards God.

This caused me to think a lot about what holiness means, and the nature of such an entity, particularly in our modern era.

Luckily, our meeting this month provided an answer, because, in addition to our Shabbat morning services, we will also be able to study together, in line with the sentiment of Rabbi Harold Kushner that “Jews worship God through study”.

I hope that you will be able to join us for both the service and this session, entitled “The Jewish Tradition of Questioning”, where I hope to show that one way of preserving holiness across Jewish history has been our collective ability to question, debate, and, ultimately, learn as People and community.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## **WITH GRATEFUL THANKS.....**

**Chuck Black**, our next door neighbor and member of Abundant Life Baptist Church, our renters, for helping to protect the Temple's water supply during the most severe cold weather.

**Joe Thoma of Joe Thoma Jewelers** for creatively repairing one of our Shabbat candlesticks without charge. He replaced damaged lining where the candles are placed.

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Jerry and Joanne Hillelson**

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**Lora Kaufman** in memory of **Lee Kaufman at his yahrzeit**

### **LEGACY DONOR**

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### **JANUARY TU B'SHVAT SEDER**

**Libbie Murstein** Hospitality Fund with assistance from  
**Judy Feinstein, Eileen Litchfield**

### **MISHABEIRACH PRAYERS FOR HEALING FOR:**

**Jackson Hogenkamp, Shelly Roberts , Mitzi Saeman**

and continued prayers for healing to:

**Darl Blevins, Jenny Huddleston, Rosemary Kaufman, Rabbi Alyssa Stanton,  
Mike Swanger, Clara Gee Stamaty Ziment and Milton Ziment**

### **WE REMEMBER ...OF BLESSED MEMORY....FEBRUARY**

**Sam Kastner, Morris Kaufman, Rose Louis, Leo Shapiro and Sally Shuchat. The students** from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School including **Alex Schachter.**

