

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 5, 6:15 pm Jacobs Camp Shabbat and Dinner

Camp style services and fried chicken dinner:
\$12/adult; \$5/child (you decide age)

Make dinner reservations at www.timemphis.org
or mail your check (and include all names)
to Temple Israel-Jacobs Camp Shabbat Dinner,
or call Sylvia Appleton, 761-3130.

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Saturday, February 6, 10:00 am

Chase Adams, son of Laura and Dr. James Adams,
will become Bar Mitzvah.

Friday, February 12, 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 am

Friday, February 19, 6:15 pm

Friday, February 19, 7:30 pm

Ruach Service

An instrumental and vocal ensemble provides the
gorgeous music for this amazing Shabbat service.

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 am WRJ-Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Kiddush luncheon

No charge or reservations required for luncheon.
Questions? Call Sharon Berman, 291-8878.

Friday, February 26, 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 27, 10:00 am



Celebrate at Temple Israel

Host a Kiddush in honor of a loved one or
commemorate a special family occasion by
sponsoring a Kiddush after a Shabbat service.
Contact Sharon Nickol, 937-2797.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME



Rabbi Greenstein

"I have no possessions. I have only dreams: to leave a better world for the coming generations – a world of understanding and harmony- a world in which it is a joy just to live. This is not asking for too much."

-Yitzhak Rabin, address before a joint session of the U.S. Congress

The words above from the former Prime Minister of Israel are timeless, but what kind of world and what kind of Judaism are we leaving to the future generations of the Jewish people?

When it comes to the land and people of Israel, we must reach out and speak to modern American Jews in a language they can understand. We have to physically bring Jewish adults and youth to Israel, especially since Israel's impact on one's Jewish identity is in the realm of the heart. As one youth leader put it, "If you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, how can you love one another if you never meet. To fall in love with Israel you have to personally meet her, walk her land, and meet her people."

I set an ambitious and perhaps premature goal for our congregation in 2006 – to bring 500 to Israel on Temple trips alone. "If you will it, it is no dream," Theodor Herzl wrote in his 1897 diary, and, as distant as the goal once seemed, we are right on target in realizing our objective. For those interested in falling in love with Israel this summer, Rabbi Grossman will be leading the way on June 2, 2010. The 26 already signed up for that journey brings our five-year total to 305, making our goal well within reach. The trip is a solid "go" with room for a few more if you are interested. Simply write rabiadam@timemphis.org or go to www.timemphis.org for more information.

I am pleased to announce future dates as well. From June 5-17, 2011 and June 3-15, 2012, Temple trips will depart from Memphis for a journey of a lifetime. With every trip to Israel, I could lead a completely new trip based on the latest additions to this miraculous and modern nation. From the new Rabin Center in Tel Aviv to the new spiritual dimension we add to every Israel trip, traveling the land and getting to know the people of Israel with your Temple family is a uniquely beautiful and special experience.

Jewish identity is a mosaic with many meaningful pieces. Home, synagogue, Jewish summer camp, and community are key ingredients to filling one's life with Jewish memories and meaning. What I've learned in my nineteen years as a rabbi, however, is that nothing instills a deeper sense of connection, purpose, and feeling than walking the land of our ancestors and falling in love with Israel. Israel is a dream come true. A living breathing reality only 61 years young.

The reason your rabbi is so passionate about bringing so many members to Israel in a relevant and spiritually-directed way is because it works! The only investment I feel completely confident about is the investment in Jewish continuity afforded by a relationship with and connection to the spiritual, emotional, and expansive dimension only Israel can add to one's Jewish identity. It's something for modern American Jews to discover for themselves, and Temple Israel of Memphis may very well have the best formula for doing just that.

Faithfully yours,
Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein