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Program Book 2018 - 2019

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom

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Rabbi's Message



**“It’s about relationships.”
– Ron Wolfson**

Dr. Ron Wolfson, who will be our superstar guest speaker at Temple this fall, is one of the most exciting and innovative thinkers in today’s Jewish world. With his core idea of “relational Judaism”, he is tapping into an ancient insight: people want to connect.

For too long, synagogues have been focused on programs over relationships. In his book, *Relational Judaism*, Wolfson shares the experience of a woman who was a member of a synagogue for twenty years, and over that time, showed up for countless events. When she resigned, the rabbi called her to ask why. Her answer? “I came to everything, and I never met anybody.”

So yes, this is a “Program Book” which you are reading on your screen or holding in your hands, and yes, we (your professional team and lay leaders) have worked hard to create events that will inspire you to attend. But we also have a not-so-secret agenda. We want you to make friends here, and we want you to come with the friends that you already have. We want Temple to truly be a community, a place that matters in your life. We want to make sure that if you walk through our doors, you make a meaningful connection – not just with ideas, but with people.

And so we have designed this year’s programs with relationships in mind. In these pages, you will find ways to meet people in similar ages and stages of life, and also to cross generations.

You will find cultural, spiritual, and intellectual happenings which will enable not just passive attendance, but active connection and conversation.

We are already making strides. Our b’nei mitzvah students and young adults are hearing our seniors’ stories; our members stand up before kaddish and share memories of their loved ones; in the kitchen, our cooks and bakers make friendships as they make food; at small seminars and around the Torah study table, we share our questions. Even at larger events, we are doing our best to make sure that no one comes into Temple and leaves without feeling welcome. If we don’t get it right, tell us; and if you want to be a part of it, help us.

Keiruv, “bringing close,” is a Hebrew word that is usually associated with bringing people to a specific, traditional way of life. But *keiruv* is also what Temple has done for over 136 years, as we continue to embrace an inclusive, progressive Jewish vision. Here, you will find people with open minds and open hearts, who care about Judaism and care about each other.

Please use this book as a starting point – and don’t hesitate to be in touch with me directly, as you look to develop your interests and deepen your connections. I would be honoured to be your concierge for Temple life.

Byedidut – in friendship,
Rabbi Lisa Grushcow

Holiday Programs



MUSIC DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS GUEST CANTORIAL SOLOIST, JOSEPH KAISER, TENOR

Joseph Kaiser’s family were members of Temple before his family moved to New York. Joseph himself has previously sung at Temple’s High Holy Day services. He will be our guest cantorial soloist for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah day one, Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur morning services. Joseph Kaiser is internationally acclaimed as one of the most gifted artists of his generation and enjoys success in opera, oratorio, and concerts throughout North America and Europe. He is recognized by audiences for his beauty of tone and innate sense of style and elegance.

Guest Tickets available. Cost: Members: adult \$240, child \$90 (6 years and older); Friends of Temple (non-members): adult \$450, child (6 years and older) \$240.

For more information: 514-937-3575 ext. 213 or rosie@templemontreal.ca.

See the Temple’s website for full schedule of Shabbat and Holidays services.

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 7:45 PM

Come for an evening of reflection, conversation, music, and prayer, as we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our opening film this year features our own Music Director, Rona Nadler. *Daughters of the Voice* explores the passionate quest of four Montréal-based women who preserve the ancient and sacred music of several of Montreal's major religious groups. Interweaving their personal narratives, the film includes live concert footage, musical prayer, art therapy, candid interviews, and singing workshops. Q&A after the screening with Evan Beloff, writer, producer, and director. Produced in association with CBC Docs.

The film and discussion will be followed by the Selichot Service.

RABBIS GET REAL

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4,
7:00 PM**



COFFEE SHOP POP-UPS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

Sponsored by the Montreal Board of Rabbis. Rabbis from across the religious spectrum share where they find meaning over the High Holy Days.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH VEGETARIAN POT LUCK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:15 PM

Share the New Year with your community. Bring a vegetarian dish to serve 6 to 8 people. Registration is imperative; tickets required for entry.

BREAK-THE-FAST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Break-the-Fast with your Temple Family immediately after the Ne'ilah service and the final shofar blowing.

Cost: Members: Adults \$20, Children \$10; Friends of Temple: Adults \$30, Children \$15.

Important: Vouchers must be purchased no later than Wednesday, September 12, and **MUST** be shown upon entry.



SUKKOT CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,
5:00 PM**

Family activities and Sukkah decoration

6:00 PM Pizza-in-the-Hut. RSVP so we can be sure to have enough pizza! Register online:

www.templemontreal.ca/sukkot or email to rabbigreenspan@templemontreal.ca.

This is a free event; donations are encouraged.

THE ORIGINAL POP-UP: RABBIS IN THE SUKKAH

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 TO SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
(RAIN OR SHINE!)**

The Sukkah is a temporary structure, reminiscent of our shelter in the wilderness years, our agricultural roots, and human fragility. It gives us a place to come together and talk about issues that matter, in our lives and in our world. Drop by and chat with our Rabbis and guests. Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, Sukkah and Identity, with JQueer Montreal and Hillel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, Sukkah and Spirituality, with Concordia Multi-Faith & Spirituality Centre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, Sukkah and the City, with Westmount Mayor Christina Smith

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, Sukkah and the Environment, with Rev. Neil Whitehouse, Westmount Park United Church

BASICS OF PRESERVING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 PM

Kat Romanow of the Wandering Chew and Fletchers Espace Culinaire will introduce us to the basic art of preserving. Everyone will go home with at least one jar of pickles!

Cost: \$25 Members and Students, \$35 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

A minimum of 10 participants is required to run this program. Please register!

APPLE PICKING

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30,
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Spend a beautiful morning picking apples with Temple members of all ages. Extra bags of apples will be collected for the NDG Food Dépot.

Cost: \$13 per bag of apples payable directly at the orchard, where we meet.

Le Flanc Nord, Verger & Cidrerie
835 Chemin Rouillard, Mont-Saint-Hilaire,
QC J3G 4S6. For more information:

514-937-3575 ext. 213 or
rosie@templemontreal.ca



Holiday Programs

TEMPLE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 11:00 AM

Temple members and friends are invited to join our Torah School community in a celebration of Chanukah. Dreidel playing, Latkes, games, and crafts. Also featuring a skit presented by our Torah School teachers. Free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CANDLE-LIGHTING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5:00 PM

Join Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, and the City of Westmount for a community candle-lighting at Westmount City Hall. We'll celebrate Chanukah with music, singing and holiday treats.

SHABBAT CHANUKAH CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE-LIGHTING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

SERVICES AT 5:45 PM

Join us to celebrate Chanukah with lights and songs. Bring your Chanukiah and 7 candles to light together. Followed by a special Oneg.

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

Get ready for Purim! Bring your own apron and rolling pin. Please note that the filling recipe contains nuts.

Cost: \$10 Members and Students, \$15 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.** RSVP to Rabbi Greenspan, rabbigreenspan@templemontreal.ca, so we can plan properly.

PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fun activities for all ages! The Temple Family Purim Carnival includes inflatables, games, prizes and so much more!

Cost per family: 20\$ Members, 25\$ Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

PURIM SERVICE & SHPIEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

5:15 PM: LIGHT DINNER

Cost: Family: 20\$ Members, 25\$ Friends of Temple; Individual: 10\$ Members, 15\$ Friends of Temple.

5:45 PM: PURIM SHPIEL

Temple's Purim celebration includes the

hilarious annual Purim Shpiel, featuring the great theatrical and musical talents of our congregation! For audition information: noa@templemontreal.ca.

PASSOVER WINE TASTING

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 7:00 PM

Sample some exclusive wines for Pesach paired with food with Gad Elbaz. Gad Elbaz, head of IsraVin, an agency promoting Israeli wines and spirits in Quebec. **Cost:** \$35 Members; 40\$ Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 9:00 PM

Join us for inspiring late-night study, family-friendly activities, and our famous cheesecake baking contest, following our Confirmation service.

RUTH'S ROUNDTABLE LUNCH: JEWS BY CHOICE SHARE THEIR JOURNEYS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AFTER SHAVUOT SERVICES

Shavuot and Yizkor morning service at 10:15 AM, followed by a Shavuot roundtable featuring congregants who share their stories of conversion.

ROSH CHODESH SERVICE

BREAKFAST AT 8:00 AM, SERVICE AT 8:30 AM

At 8:00 AM we gather for breakfast and at 8:30 AM for a short weekday morning service (Sunday at 10:00 AM). This monthly service includes Torah reading, singing hallel for the new month, and the chance to say kaddish. Men and women all are welcome. When Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat the services will be combined.

UPCOMING ROSH CHODESH SERVICES:

Tuesday, October 9 - Thursday, November 8 - Monday, January 7 - Tuesday, February 5 - Thursday, March 7 - Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday, July 3

TORAH STUDY

SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM

Judges, warriors, prophets and kings... Join in our exploration of the historical books of the Bible as we dive into the Book of Samuel. We will encounter some familiar stories and lots of strange ones. Everyone welcome! Bring your unique perspective to the table, and start your Saturday with good company, decent coffee, and great conversation.

TEMPLE'S 22ND ROSH HASHANAH FOOD DRIVE

FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO OCTOBER 3: Details on page 13.

Shabbat Specials



RECONCILIATION: LIFE OF A JEWISH INDIAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:45 PM

Nakuset is an activist and the Executive Director of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. She is Cree from Lac La Ronge, Saskatchewan. Nakuset was adopted by a Jewish family in Montreal and draws on her adoptee experience in her advocacy work for Indigenous children. She sits on the Steering Committee of the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network. Nakuset is the creator, producer, and host of the television series "Indigenous Power", and she was voted "Woman of the Year 2014" by the Montreal Council of Women. Nakuset was featured in Real Talk on Race, the award winning CBC series, and was a speaker for TEDxMontrealWomen. She is dedicated to improving the lives of urban Aboriginals.



SHABBATON WITH RABBI DR. DEBORAH KAHN-HARRIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:45 PM

SERMON *Postcards from the Edge of Europe: A British View*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 9:00 PM TORAH STUDY
The Seven Prophetesses of the Bible
Have you and your family moved to Montreal from Europe? We want to connect you with other families. Come to Temple and connect during this event.

Rabbi Dr. Deborah Kahn-Harris is the Principal of Leo Baeck College in London, where she received her ordination in 1996. She teaches Bible to rabbinic students, and holds a PhD in Biblical Studies from the University of Sheffield, with a focus on feminist approaches to the text.

SHABBATON WITH



DR. RON WOLFSON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:00 PM
Community Shabbat Dinner (Fee TBA)

SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:45 PM:
Envisioning The Relational Synagogue

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 9:00 AM TORAH STUDY: *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven*

Dr. Ron Wolfson is an inspirational speaker and a popular scholar-in-residence, traveling the world speaking on a wide range of topics in Jewish life. He is a pioneer in the field of Jewish family education. He is the author of *Relational Judaism, The Spirituality of Welcoming*, and his most recent book (with co-authors Rabbis Nicole Auerbach and Lydia Medwin), *The Relational Judaism Handbook*.

This program is sponsored by Gail Issenman and Green Door Music Inc.

"Ron Wolfson only recited one story when we heard him at the URJ Biennial in December 2017 - but what a story! Not a sound in the room, only a deep

silence full of reverence and awe. This amazing raconteur and superb teacher will be with our Temple congregation on Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th. Please come, listen, share your stories, and hear what this man knows about how to make our community even warmer, even more inclusive, and even more joyous."

- Maggie Jacobs, Chair Member Connections



IN THE NAVY: WHAT'S A NICE JEWISH GIRL DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 7:45 PM

Ashley Langburt is a Naval Communicator for the Naval Reserves at HMCS Donnacona. She works as a reservist while pursuing degrees in Political Science and Linguistics from Concordia University.

If you have served in the military, please let us know by email to communications@templemontreal.ca, so we can honour you in this service.



MODES OF LISTENING: MUSIC, SOUND, AND WHAT'S IN BETWEEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 7:45 PM

Sermon in Song with **Noa Haran**, Interim Cantorial Soloist.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Have you ever wanted to connect with other Temple members in your field, or just been curious about who is here? Have you ever wondered why there seem to be so many Jewish doctors, lawyers, and teachers? Three times this year, we will feature different professions from within our congregation. Members of that profession and their families are invited beforehand for a catered Shabbat dinner at Temple, then the service will feature the intersection between Judaism and their areas of expertise.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12: *Contracts and Covenants...*
Lawyers

FRIDAY, MARCH 29: *Healing as a Jewish Art...*
Doctors

FRIDAY, MAY 31: *And You Shall Teach Your Children...*
Educators

For dinner information and registration: sari@templemontreal.ca. Everyone welcome to the service at 7:45 pm.

JDAIM: JEWISH DISABILITIES AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:45 PM Guest speaker

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, Art-based program in Torah School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Shabbat Specials

A vernissage of juried art created by differently-abled artists. Drinks and snacks will be served. Details to follow. Fee TBA.



RABBI STEPHEN LEON

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 7:45 PM, *The Third Commandment and the Return of of the Anusim, A Rabbi's Memoir of an Incredible People*

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 9:00 AM *The Coming of Messiah, Reality or Myth?*

10:15 AM *Why the Jewish People Are Commanded to Seek Converts*

Rabbi Stephen A. Leon was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion. From 1986 to the present, Rabbi Leon has been the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Zion in El Paso, Texas. He has taught in the Religious Studies department of the University of Texas at El Paso, written numerous articles, and appeared on National Public Radio. Rabbi Leon has visited many places in Europe where Crypto-Jews have lived, including Belmont, Portugal where 300 Crypto-Jews formally returned to Judaism. Rabbi Leon is a trusted friend and teacher for the Anusim

(crypto-Jews/conversos) and has helped many individuals and families make their return to Judaism.



A YIDDISHE MAME: SONGS OF JEWISH MOTHERHOOD

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 7:45 PM

Sermon in Song with **Rona Nadler**, Cantorial Soloist, and **Mark McDonald**, Pianist.



REV. BERTRAND OLIVIER

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 7:45 PM

Rev. Bertrand Olivier is a French-born British Anglican priest. Since 2018, he has served as Dean of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal in the Diocese of Montreal of the Anglican Church of Canada. Previously he was Vicar of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, in London. He is a member of the Iona Community and is passionate about issues of justice, peace and inclusiveness in the church.



The Open Doors Institute for Judaism offers a variety of programs and activities in these three areas: Education & Outreach, Identity & Inclusion, and Social Justice. This initiative is made possible by funds from the 2017 Gala and is supported by Senator Marc Gold and family.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM

Introduction to Judaism 101 classes, taught by Rabbi Greenspan, are offered several times a year. The next session begins on September 5th, and runs for 12 weeks, on Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM.

Those who take the class come from very diverse backgrounds. The three primary reasons for taking the class are: 1) exploring the path to conversion, 2) an upcoming intermarriage and 3) a desire to learn more about Judaism. The 101 course is followed by a 201 class, which runs for 14 weeks, and is geared for those who are on the path to conversion. The 201 includes 10 weeks of learning to “decode” Hebrew and 4 sessions devoted to the practical aspects becoming a Reform Jew. If you are interested in learning more about our Introduction to Judaism program, contact Sally Ayrtton, sally@templemontreal.ca.

Intro 101 Cost: \$350 Members; \$440 Friends of Temple. Books, instruction and a class Shabbat dinner are included in the cost of the course.

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB WITH RABBI GREENSPAN

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3:00 PM

Join the Temple Book Group led by Rabbi Greenspan; open to everyone. The only requirement is that you have read the book. This is a discussion group, not a book review or lecture.

SEPTEMBER 26: *Henna House* by Nomi Eve

OCTOBER 31: *The Golem and the Jinni*

by Helene Wecker

NOVEMBER 28: Book title TBD by the group.

Let Rabbi Greenspan know if you would prefer an evening book group.

Cost: Free for Members, Friends of Temple \$15 each or three meetings \$40. **\$5 more at the door.**



REFORM JUDAISM: HEAD, HANDS, AND HEART

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 3, 10, AND 17, 7:00 PM

Did you know that Reform Judaism was the first modern movement, followed by modern Orthodoxy and the Conservative movement?

Did you know that Temple was founded in 1882, three years before the Pittsburgh Platform proclaimed the principles of the Reform movement in North America?

Did you know that the majority of American Jews who are affiliated with a synagogue identify as Reform Jews?

Did you know that our movement was the first to ordain women and reach out to interfaith couples? As the only Reform synagogue in Montreal, Temple is part of a much larger movement which goes back to the 18th century in Europe. Come to these three sessions to learn about the history and vision of the Reform movement. Where is our Judaism the same as that of our neighbours of different denominations, and where do we differ? Most important, *why* do we differ?

In these three sessions, we will explore Reform Judaism from the perspective of our heads, hands, and hearts.

OCTOBER 3: HEAD – Where did all this come from, and how did Napoleon help? Learn the history and ideology of the Reform movement.

OCTOBER 10: HANDS – How did Reform Judaism come to be associated with *tikkun olam*? Learn about our involvement with social action and politics, Israel and the world.

OCTOBER 17: HEART – What's love got to do with it? Learn about our unique approach to family and relationships.

Come with your preconceptions, ask your questions, and emerge with a deeper understanding. Everyone welcome. Free for Members.

Cost for three classes: \$25 Students, \$50 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

Cost for one class: \$10 Students, \$20 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

LIFE, LOVE, AND LEARNING: JEWISH WOMAN'S JOURNEY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 12:00 PM

LOCATION TBA



Join Rabbi Lisa Grushcow from Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and Maharat Rachel Kohl



Finegold from Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in conversation about *If All the Seas Were Ink* by Ilana Kurshan. At the age of 27, alone in Jerusalem in the wake of a painful divorce, Ilana Kurshan joined the world's largest book club, learning *daf yomi*, Hebrew for "daily page" of the Talmud. This memoir is a tale of heartache and humor, of love and loss, of marriage and motherhood, and of learning to put one foot in front of the other by turning page after page. For people of the book—both Jewish and non-Jewish—*If All the Seas Were Ink* is a celebration of learning through literature, and how to fall in love once again. Intended for women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, in the spirit of conversation and connection. Reading the book is not required.

Advance registration only. **Cost:** \$25 per person. Includes kosher dairy lunch.

MUSSAR

MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM - 7 SESSIONS

OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 17, FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 25, APRIL 15, AND MAY 13

Mussar is the Jewish path of character development and spiritual growth. These monthly meetings with Rabbi Grushcow will feature small group study and the development of spiritual practices. In the words of the Mussar Institute, this is a practice "leading to awareness, wisdom, and transformation... to align heart and mind with the highest ideals of the Jewish tradition." Registration is limited, and involves a commitment to attend the majority of the sessions. Online registration available.

Cost for all 7 session: Free for Members, \$105 for Students, \$140 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**



RABBI AUBREY GLAZER: RENDING THE VEIL ON VASHTI & OTHER DIVINE SECRETS OF PURIM

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1:30 PM

Rabbi Aubrey Glazer is the new senior Rabbi at Shaare Zion. He is a Scholar-Rabbi with a unique depth and breadth of Jewish philosophy and contemporary spirituality as well an immersion in the arts.

RABBI GRUSHCOW'S SEMINAR

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM

This year, we are reading three books, all connected by the theme of Israel. First is Ilan Stavans' account of the resurrection of the Hebrew language, in which he delves into the roots of modern Hebrew, as well as the modern state of Israel; next, we turn to Shimon Peres' biography of David Ben Gurion, Israel's founding father; and finally, we come to Yossi Klein Halevi's recent and significant attempt to share an Israeli perspective on prospects for peace.

You are welcome to come to any or all of the seminars, but please read the book in advance, to ensure a spirited discussion.

MARCH 13: *Resurrecting Hebrew* by Ilan Stavans

APRIL 24: *Ben Gurion* by Shimon Peres

JUNE 12: *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, by Yossi Klein Halevi

Cost for single class: Free for Members, \$10 Students, \$20 Friends of Temple. **Cost for three classes:** Free for Members, \$15 Students, \$25 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

PSALMS

TUESDAYS AT 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM - 5 SESSIONS

APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, AND 28, AND JUNE 4

The Book of Psalms is the prayer book of the Bible. Whether it is the heavy resonance of "the valley of the shadow of death" in Psalm 23, or the uplifting "Halleluyah!" of Psalm 150, Psalms give us a language for talking to God in moments of great joy and deep despair. They continue to be used to this day in both Jewish and Christian traditions.

Our spring daytime class will expand to five sessions this year and include two guest speakers.

Each session will discuss a different Psalm and its interpretation through the ages.

APRIL 30: Psalms of Praise with Rabbi Grushcow and Rona Nadler

MAY 7: Rabbi Grushcow

MAY 14: Rabbi Grushcow and Rabbi Mark Fishman, Congregation Beth Tikvah

MAY 28: Rabbi Grushcow

JUNE 4: Psalm 23 Rabbi Grushcow and The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kirkpatrick, Professor of Biblical Studies, McGill University.

Cost per class: \$10 Students, \$20 Friends of Temple. **Cost for 5 classes:** \$45 Students, \$90 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

POINTING THE WAY: THE TORAH & ITS ORNAMENTS, WITH RABBI GRUSHCOW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 7:30 PM, FEE TBA

Why do we use a pointer when we read from the Torah, instead of just our pointer finger? And why does so much artistry go into decorating the Torah? This lecture will focus on the *yad*, the pointer which is used when reading from the Torah scroll. We will learn about the pointers, and other Torah ornaments, in the Aron Museum's magnificent collection at Temple.

LE DIALOGUE JUDÉO-CHRÉTIEN

Le dialogue abordera les thèmes suivants cette année :

INTERPRÉTATION JUIVE ET CHRÉTIENNE DU
CANTIQUE DES CANTIQUES

24 OCTOBRE 19H

JUIFS, CHRÉTIENS ET MUSULMANS EN ESPAGNE ET
AU PORTUGAL AVANT L'EXPULSION DE 1492

5 DÉCEMBRE 19H

L'INTÉGRISME RELIGIEUX JUIF ET CHRÉTIEN :
ORIGINE, CONFIGURATION ET ENJEUX

27 MARS 19H

UN PERSONNAGE DE LA BIBLE : ISAAC DANS LA
TRADITION JUIVE ET CHRÉTIENNE

29 MAI 19H

Frais d'admission: 7,00\$. Voud voudrez bien confirmer votre présence à Louis Charbonneau: 514-484-7662 ou à Thérèse Klein: 514-739-2103

For more information on these programs or to register, please contact Rosie at 937-3595 ext. 213 or rosie@templemontreal.ca.

TALMUDIC HORIZONS: AN INVITATION TO INTERPRETATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE THOMAS MORE INSTITUTE

TUESDAYS (SEPTEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 11), 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM

From Tuesday, September 25 to Tuesday, October 30 at Thomas More Institute.

From Tuesday, November 6 to Tuesday, December 11 at Temple.

About the Thomas More Institute (TMI):

The Thomas More Institute is a secular academic institution offering adults of all ages opportunities to explore topics in intellectually challenging seminars. At TMI, learning occurs through dialogue—based on reflective reading and respectful listening to others—guided by incisive questioning. Temple is excited about this new partnership.

Course Description:

We are all interpreters. As your eyes run over this text, you weave meaning from many threads: Whose voice is speaking? Am I its audience? An eavesdropper? What demands does this text make on me, and do I assent? Questions of interpretation become more vital still when placed at the heart of our religious encounters. This course will look at the fifth-century Jewish corpus known as the Talmud, the outcome and engine of interpretive practices that lie at the heart of Rabbinic Jewish life.

Course Leaders:



Claire English (Designer & Leader): *Claire English is a PhD candidate in the Department of Religions and Cultures at Concordia University. Her research examines the intersections between Disability and Judaic Studies. Her dissertation will focus on the history of the Jewish Deaf community of New York in the late 19th to early 20th century.*



Murray Shugar (Leader): *Murray Shugar graduated from McGill University in 1969 with a BA in Psychology. He has been leading seminars at TMI for the last ten years. His interests lie mainly in mythology, psychology, religion, and literature.*



Jonathan Powers (Leader): *Jonathan Powers is the Academic Director of TMI, where he has led and designed seminars for several years. Jonathan has taught courses at many institutions, notably Champlain College, McGill University, Boston College, and EM Strasbourg. Jonathan holds a PhD in Architectural History and an MA and BA in Philosophy. He is also a Temple member.*

Rabbi Grushcow will also lead a session of the course.

Cost: \$150 tuition (\$100 for those who have never taken a course at TMI before) plus \$35 admin and reading fee. Limited to 18. Register online at: www.thomasmore.qc.ca.

MODERN HEBREW FOR ADULTS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

12 Sessions, starting September 12

Learn and practise vocabulary, basic conversation and simple grammar. This is a great opportunity for you learn Hebrew! Taught by Noa Haran, our Interim Cantorial Soloist. Level will be determined by the participants. **Cost:** \$130 Members and Students; \$160 Friends of Temple. Price includes books and materials. We need a minimum of 5 students to run this class.

LUNCH TOGETHER

3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(NO MEETING IN JAN. AND FEB.), 11:30 AM

MAYBE you're a retiree, looking for new conversations and community.

MAYBE you're at home on parental leave, looking to talk about something beyond eating, sleeping, and diapers.

MAYBE you're working in Westmount, looking for some intellectual stimulation at lunchtime.

Join us for Lunch Together: engaging topics, stellar speakers, good food and great company.

Come every month or come when you can; come on your own or come with a friend.

JONATHAN GOLDBLOOM AND BERNARD ST-LAURENT: ON THE ELECTIONS

OCTOBER 16



Jonathan Goldbloom has worked in communications and public relations for over 30 years. He has played a leadership role in a wide range of high-profile initiatives which add to diversity and strength of our society. He is also a Temple member.

Bernard St-Laurent is a semi-retired journalist who has covered Quebec politics since the mid-1970s. St-Laurent spent most of his career working for the CBC where his political column can still be heard Thursday mornings on CBC Daybreak with Mike Finnerty, 88.5 FM in Montreal.



MUTSUMI TAKAHASHI (CTV NEWS): A LIFE IN MEDIA

NOVEMBER 20



Mutsumi Takahashi is Chief News Anchor of CTV Montreal News.

SENATOR MARC GOLD: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SENATOR

DECEMBER 18



Marc Gold is a lawyer, law professor, businessman and community leader, with extensive experience in helping people resolve business and other disputes. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada in November 2016. He is also a Temple member.



MARK MCDONALD: THE ORGAN - A JEWISH INSTRUMENT?

MARCH 19

Mark McDonald is a versatile freelance musician and Temple's organist. He also works as a freelancer organist, harpsichordist, choral director, and teacher. He holds a doctorate of music in performance studies from the Schulich School of Music at McGill University.

APRIL 16 - PROGRAM TBA



DR. LOREN LERNER: ISRAELI ART AND NATIONHOOD

MAY 21

Dr. Loren Lerner, Professor of Art History at Concordia University, teaches a course on Jerusalem that considers different attachments to this ancient city through artistic representations at the religious, social and political levels. Her research has focused on the intersections of art and religion, most recently in her writings for the journals Religion and the Arts, Journal of Canadian Art History, and Canadian Jewish Studies.

LISA RUBIN AND JESSICA YAFFE: HOW THE SEGAL CENTRE CHOOSES

JUNE 18

Lisa Rubin is the Artistic and Executive Director at the Segal Centre.

Jessica Yaffe is the Director of Development at the Segal Centre.

Cost: \$8 Members, \$10 Friends of Temple. This program is made possible through the support of the Mona Kaufmann Memorial Fund.



THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING: PREVENTING RISKY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:00 PM

Alissa Sklar, PhD, will offer suggestions and guidelines based on best practices for kids of all ages. Helping teens make healthy choices ideally starts when they are young. This practical workshop will offer an overview of how high-risk behaviours tend to play out with today's digitally connected teenagers and offers a look at how we can lay the groundwork for building strong, resilient kids when they are still in elementary school. *Dr. Sklar runs risk(within) reason, a Montreal consultancy project focused on kids, technology and risky behaviours. She has a PhD in Communications and Cultural Studies, from the Department of Communication Studies at Concordia University and worked in the field of adolescent risk prevention at McGill University.*

Cost: Free for Members, \$20 Friends of Temple; \$5 more at the door.

RISEN LEAVES: A RARE BOOKS WORKSHOP FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1:00 PM

The JPL has a number of special collections but one of the most valued ones are the Rare Books. The earliest of the 1500 books is an incunabulum printed in 1481 (about 20 years after Gutenberg), and while the array of books ranges from early Hebrew grammars, Talmuds, kabbalistic works, liturgical texts, history, and early antisemitic tracts, there are also unusual tracts dealing with religious vestments, architecture, and travel. Three of the JPL's librarians will discuss these books, the history of printing (as well as Hebrew printing), and share some of the compelling stories and scandals that underscored the production of these works. **Animators:** Nicole Beaudry, Eddie Stone, Eddie Paul.

CPR & HEIMLICH MANOEUVRE COURSE: LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE IN JUST A FEW HOURS

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

OR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Levels: Baby/Child/Adult. The course is given by The CPR Training Centre – A division of Protect Enfant Inc. – Child & Family Safety Experts since 1996.

The course is geared to parents, grandparents, caregivers, and babysitters. Material included: Course plan, Quick Guide Booklet, and Certificate. Refreshments will be served. Limited space available. Online registration available. Advance registration only. **Cost:** \$55 Members, \$65 Friends of Temple.

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2:00 PM



Denise Grossman will teach you how to buy and preserve fresh flowers and extend the life of flowering and green plants. Participate in a hands-on floral arranging workshop and take home the final product. The course includes a floral knife, vase, and flowers.

Taught by Temple's past president, Denise Grossman, retired owner of Jardenise Florist, with 20 years' experience as a floral designer and event planner. Advance registration only. Online registration available.

Cost: \$40 Members, \$50 Friends of Temple.

THE COMPLEXITIES OF GRAND-PARENTING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:00 PM

Please join **Rabbi Lerner** and **Betty Goldwarg**, Temple member and psychotherapist, who will facilitate a conversation about the complexities of being a grandparent.

Cost: Free for Members, \$20 Friends of Temple. \$5 more at the door.

NAVIGATING BLENDED FAMILIES

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 7:00 PM

A conversation for step-parents and others who are part of blended families.

***Barbara Lis** is a social worker and psychotherapist, with extensive experience in MUHC child psychiatry, private practice in a medical family centre, as well as in training social workers and psychotherapists at McGill.*

***Bonnie Unger** is a social worker and psychotherapist, with a wide range of experience in the community, private practice and as a McGill*

University field supervisor. Bonnie continues her affiliation with Agence Ometz; (formerly Jewish Family Services), where she has worked for the past 25 years.

Cost: Free for Members, \$20 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

TEMPLE GOES TO THE SEGAL CENTRE!



A CENTURY SONGBOOK

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 6:30 PM

A Tapestry Of Iconic Songs, Dances, and Personal Stories.

A musical journey celebrating one hundred years of Montreal Jewish history. Performers take us through daily life, historic landmarks, and events that shaped our community such as the early immigration to Montreal, Baron Byng High School, Fletcher's Field, Expo 67, March of the Living, and more. Iconic songs, dance,

and personal stories are woven together to create a rich tapestry of the shared experiences of Montreal Jews through the decades.

Written by Edit Kuper, Directed by Audrey Finkelstein, Musical Director Nick Burgess.

A Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre production in English, French, Yiddish, Hebrew & Russian. Recommended for all audiences and ages. Special cocktail for Temple members and guests. Cocktail at 6:30 before the show in the ArtLounge.

Cost: \$55 Members, \$25 Students, and \$60 Friends of Temple.

BRIDGE

FRIDAYS, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
(LUNCH AVAILABLE, 11:00 AM)

Walk in. You must come with your bridge partner. **Cost:** \$12. Affiliated with the Montreal Bridge League.

FILM: THE ANCIENT LAW (DAS ALTE GESETZ)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 7:00 PM

The Ancient Law is an important piece of German-Jewish cinematic history, contrasting the closed world of an Eastern European shtetl with the liberal mores of 1860s Vienna. With its historically authentic set design and ensemble of prominent actors – all captured magnificently by cinematographer Theodor Sparkuhl – The Ancient Law is an outstanding example of the creativity of Jewish filmmakers in 1920s Germany. Live music by Don Sosin, a well-known and highly talented accompanist for silent films, and Alicia Svigals, a founder of the Klezmatics, will accompany the film.



Violinist/composer **Alicia Svigals** is the world's leading klezmer fiddler and a founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics. She has worked with violinist Itzhak Perlman, the Kronos Quartet, playwrights Tony Kushner and Eve Ensler, poet Allen Ginsburg, Robert Plant and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, Debbie Friedman and Chava Albershteyn.



Donald Sosin composes and performs silent film music for festivals all over the US, Europe and China. A composition graduate of U. of Michigan and Columbia, Donald currently plays at venues and festivals in New York, Seattle, San Francisco and Italy. Donald worked on Broadway for many years, and writes and arranges for TV, radio and video.

Cost: \$15 Members, \$20 Friends of Temple. **\$5 more at the door.**

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Intergenerational Programs

FIRST FRIDAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

THE FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT OF EVERY MONTH,

5:15 PM: LIGHT DINNER

5:45 PM: SERVICE

Join us for family-friendly services filled with the ruach (spirit) of Shabbat. Light dinner before the service; birthday cake at the end; birthday blessings, prayers, songs, and stories in between. Everyone is welcome.

TEMPLE ART HIVE - KAVERET OMANUT

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6, 20, OCTOBER 4, 18, NOVEMBER 1, 22, DECEMBER 6, 20, JANUARY 10, 31, FEBRUARY, 14, 28, MARCH 7, 21, APRIL 4, 18, MAY 2, 23, JUNE 6, 20, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 11, JANUARY 20, MARCH 10, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, AND MAY 5, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Our Temple Art Hive - *Kaveret Omanut* will continue in the fall and throughout the coming year, thanks to the renewal of our funding from Federation/CJA. Our Art Hive is an open art studio, where everyone is welcome to come make art in a fun, safe and supportive environment that celebrates everyone's strengths. No art experience is necessary! Find the Temple Art Hive group on Facebook to connect with other participants. Free of charge. For more information contact arthive@templemontreal.ca.



PJ HAVDALAH

Each program includes crafts, singing, stories, Havdalah and – of course – milk and cookies. Open to children of all ages, parents and

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grandparents. Activities geared for those 10 and under. RSVP.

DECEMBER 1 – Celebrate Chanukah with your friends at Temple. We will make Chanukiot, candles, and Chanukah cookies.

APRIL 6 – It's two weeks before Passover begins... Do you know where your seder plate is? Join us for an interactive evening of family-friendly activities to help you prepare for Passover, including crafts, cooking and games. **Cost:** Members: \$10 per Family; Friends of Temple: \$20 per Family. **\$5 more at the door.**

GAME NIGHT AND HAVDALAH SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 5:30 PM

An evening of board games, pizza and Havdalah. Bring your favourite game or play one we provide. Invite your friends! This event is BYOB. **Cost:** Members: \$10 Individuals, \$20 Family; Friends of Temple: \$15 Individual, \$25 Family. **\$5 more at the door.**

MITZVAH MORNING SUNDAY, MAY 6, 10:00-12:30 PM

Help make the world a better place. The activities will include: making sandwiches for the homeless, making dog biscuits for an animal shelter, making cards for cancer patients, decorating flower pots for seniors, and more. If you are interested in knowing more, have ideas to share or want to be on the Mitzvah Morning planning committee, contact Rabbi Greenspan.



TEMPLE'S 22ND ROSH HASHANAH FOOD DRIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO OCTOBER 3

This September we will be holding our 22nd Rosh Hashanah Food Drive to benefit MADA Community Centre. Paper bags will be available at Temple throughout the food drive. Please pick one up, fill it with kosher non-perishables and return it by October 3rd. Suggested food items are canned fish, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter and soups. Household essentials (e.g. detergents) and personal grooming products (e.g. soaps, shampoos, menstrual products, and diapers) are also accepted. Besides providing many community services, MADA has the largest kosher food bank in Quebec. Let's remember the needy members of our Montreal community as we prepare for the High Holy Days.

MoFTY - Temple's Youth Group

MoFTY (Montreal Federation of Temple Youth) is Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's youth group offered to teens in high school (grades 7 through 11). We hold social, community, and volunteering events throughout the year. Join us at our next event to see what we're all about! Follow MoFTY on Instagram @m.ofty.

WELCOME BACK BBQ

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2:00 PM

At a private home, RSVP required. For more information: emanuelfofty@gmail.com

SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Shabbat dinner at Temple after the 5:45 PM First Friday Service; we will be joined by teens visiting from New York City. RSVP required. **Cost:** TBD.

NFTY NEL FALL KALLAH

OCTOBER 19 - 21, 2018 AT CAMP GEORGE

Details will follow.

Next Dor - Young Adult Group



We are dedicated to helping those in their 20's and 30's foster a meaningful connection to Judaism. At Next Dor, we create programming that resonates with young people, building space to explore liberal Judaism in a city defined by its traditional edge, while taking full advantage of all the cultural richness Montreal has to offer. Join our Facebook group (NextDor at Temple) and follow us on Instagram @NextDorMTL.

SUKKOT WITH

AT THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 PM

Sukkot Activity with *At the Immigrant's Table* in a private home. RSVP. **Cost:** TBD.

CHINESE LANTERN EXHIBIT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00 PM

Visit the Chinese Lantern Exhibit at the Botanical; General admission: \$16 for Quebec residents (free with the MTL Access card). Meet outside the ticket windows at 6 PM. RSVP requested.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT TALLIT, TEFILLIN AND KIPPAH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:00 PM

Join Rabbi Greenspan for an informative workshop that will include the opportunity to try laying tefillin and to learn to tie tzitzit, the

fringes that hang from a tallit. At Temple.

Cost: TBD.

FUNDRAISER FOR LIONS FOUNDATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, TIME TBA

A fundraiser for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides at the Comedy Nest, (2313 Saint-Catherine St, Montreal, QC H3H 1N2). Come enjoy a laugh with us for a good cause! **Cost:** \$18 Members, \$20 Friends of Temple; purchase tickets in advance on-line.

Member Connections

SHABBAT VEGETARIAN POT LUCK

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM

Make. Bring. Eat.



Come to Temple, share a Shabbat dinner, make friends and enjoy our Shabbat service.

Bring a main dish or a side dish to serve at least 6 to 8 people. No desserts please. Store-bought food is fine; it must be vegetarian and does not require a kosher label. We provide serving utensils. You can bring your own wine to share as well.

SHABBAT KAVOD

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 7:45 PM

A special Shabbat where we will honour outgoing Board members, bless incoming Board members, and celebrate our volunteers.

LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK?

Temple is looking for volunteers for Shiva minyan leaders, ushers, welcoming participants at programs, baking, and more. Contact Sari (sari@templemontreal.ca) for more information.

SPRING TEMPLE GALA 2019 DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

SAVE THE DATE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 PM

GROVER HALL

Following last year's great event, we are organizing a fun-filled evening that will include a special raffle draw, silent auction, balloon popping and entertainment. Proceeds for this evening will go towards the advancement of our spiritual, cultural and educational programs.

To help make this evening a huge success, please contact Cheryl Libman at tebsraffle2018@gmail.com.

Temple is counting on your support!!

Watch for more details in our weekly e-blast!

NOT YOUR PARENTS' TORAH SCHOOL!



Discover Jewish holidays, traditions and values through a modern lens.

Experience our inclusive, meaningful and hands-on program that fosters a strong sense of Jewish identity while embracing Reform Jewish values and beliefs. We welcome all children, including those with learning differences and special needs. Classes begin September 8. Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. For children in Pre-K through Grade 9.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom provides an egalitarian, engaging bar/bat mitzvah program. We welcome your interest.



For more information, please contact: Rabbi Ellen Greenspan, Director of Education, 514-937-3575 ext. 210 or rabbigreenspan@templemontreal.ca.

Programs and events are subject to change.

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