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REMAINING SHABBAT WEEKENDS

Led by Rabbi William S Tepper

- 1. April 16-17, 2021

Led by Religious Educator, Sue Potechin

- 2. March 12-13, 2021
- 3. May 14-15, 2021

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# Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech




**RABBI WEEKEND**

Led by Rabbi William S Tepper  
Friday February 19, 2021 at 7:30pm  
Study Session  
Topic: The Beautiful Poetry of Rachel  
Rachel Bluvstein [1890-1931]  
*Known simply in Hebrew as Rachel, with a long "a" and guttural "ch" - is a 'founding poet' of the Jewish homeland.*

In simple yet heart-rending language, her poetry expresses the yearnings and joys of both kibbutz and urban life in pre-state Palestine. Her work has been widely published in both Hebrew and English, and has been part of Israel's education curriculum for decades. Contemporary artists have set Rachel's poems to music, and she has been honoured on Israeli postage and currency.

*Our program will include an overview of Rachel's life together with an up-close exploration and discussion of several poems - in English translation - to be screen-shared.*

Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10:00am  
Shabbat Day Service



**To Join the above Zoom Meetings**  
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**Meeting ID:** 861 474 8169  
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Dial by your location.  
Find your local number:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8614748169?pwd=REsvZ0lxZC9YVEwYR3UzVFo4elZWQT09>

**MEN'S GROUP**

Thursday February 04 at 7:30pm.

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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If you require any help with ZOOM or OTTER please contact Richard at [iyrhamelech@gmail.com](mailto:iyrhamelech@gmail.com).



**WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP ...and Book Club**

**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021  
**Title:** Famous Father Girl: A Memoir Of Growing Up Bernstein  
**Author:** Jamie Bernstein  
**ISBN-10:** ISBN-10: 0062641352  
**ISBN-13:** ISBN-13: 978-0062641359  
**Hosted By:** Martha



**\*\*\*NOTE NEW TIME**  
**Join Zoom Meeting at 3:30pm**  
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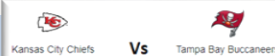
**Date:** Monday, March 8, 2021  
**Event:** Women's Seder  
**Hosted By:** Sherry Stayer

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021  
**Title:** A Fortunate Life  
**Author:** Ruth Dukas  
**Hosted By:** Ruth Dukas

**OTTER** 

Our groups and services are always so enjoyable and engaging and now they are more accessible! If you haven't already, please register at [www.otter.ai](http://www.otter.ai) using the same email address you used to register for ZOOM. Then log in. On the day of any meeting or service, I will post a link. It does no good to post the link in advance. Once you receive it, if you need it, capture and copy the link to a separate browser page.

Then follow the script on that page and sign in. A text transcript will auto generate on that page while we speak.



## INVITATION FROM DR. MATHEW J. KAUFMAN

February 23, 2021 – 7:00 to 8:30pm

Mathew Kaufman, Iyr Ha'Melech's former leader and good friend of 10 years needs no introduction of course. He is the author of [Horace Kallen Confronts America](#) and currently serves as rabbi for Congregation Kehillat Israel in Lansing Michigan.

### Topic: Betting on Democracy: the Faith of an American Jewish Pragmatist

*In this significant American political moment, this presentation on the thought of American Jewish philosopher Horace M. Kallen is a timely exploration of his unique and creative conception of democracy as a religion. As we now grapple with understanding what America is and who we are as a people, Kallen's ideas resonate as a sounding board for new debates on the viability of cooperative unity as the operative condition of American society.*

Mathew Writes to Congregation Iyr Ha'Melech:

**Dear friends and family,**

I'm attaching a PDF with information and an embedded registration link for my upcoming talk on February 23rd sponsored by Michigan State University's Jewish Studies program. I'll be talking about the future of American democracy by casting a look back at the thought of Horace Kallen.

Hope to see you there!

Matthew

Click on the image below to open the full PDF.

Then follow the registration link by clicking on "[Register here](#)"

**BETTING ON DEMOCRACY:  
THE FAITH OF AN AMERICAN  
JEWISH PRAGMATIST**  
Tuesday, February 23rd,  
7-8:30 pm  
[Register here](#)

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**Rabbi Matthew Kaufman**, PhD, is the author of *Horace Kallen Confronts America: Jewish Identity, Science, and Secularism* (Syracuse University Press, 2019). This intellectual biography traces how one man's quest for authenticity contributed to a gradual shift in Jewish self-perception in America and reveals how Kallen's struggle led to America's embrace of his well-known term "cultural pluralism." Dr. Kaufman serves as the rabbi of Congregation Kehillat Israel in Lansing, MI.

**Horace KALLEN**  
*Confronts America*  
*Jewish Identity,  
Science, and Secularism*

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