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## The Joy of Adar

By RABBI PAUL F. COHEN Senior Rabbi rabbi@templejeremiah.org

Dear Friends,

"Mishenichnas Adar marbim <u>simcha</u>!" With the beginning of the Hebrew month of Adar, our sages of blessed memory taught joy increases. Our We have the ethical tradition recognizes the primacy of the imperative to cultivate joy middah (spiritual in ourselves, to engage value) of simcha, of joy. Adar was this middah...because it singled out due to leads to deepening the fact that we connection with our fellow celebrate Purim in the middle of the human beings and leads us month. *Purim* is to better work on behalf of perhaps one of the those in need. most joy filled observances within the Jewish calendar.

To be sure, we read the scroll of Esther to recall a remarkable tale of salvation. Threatened with annihilation, Mordechai was able to convince Esther to intervene with her husband, the King, and save the Jewish people... her people. The joy of this miracle was immediately put into action. Two rituals were instituted that defined a social justice agenda. The first expression of joy in action was providing help through gifts to the poor. The second, gifts to friends, was to strengthen the community by strengthening the connections between individuals, a practice we call *shalach manot*.

> We have the ethical imperative to cultivate joy in ourselves, to engage this *middah*, this spiritual value simply because it leads to deepening connection with our fellow human beings and leads us to better work on behalf of those in need.

The Festival of *Purim* is an annual jumpstart to this work. *Purim* 

reminds us that while the world can be a dark and dangerous place, there is still light. One person, in this case Esther, can have a dramatic impact on how events unfold for the good. We celebrate Purim with no holds barred to emphasize the power of joy.

#### Lately Around Jeremiah





Jeremiah Bullfrog Band members performing at the Jewish Rock 'n Rollers of the 60's Concert (1/26/19)



Family Promise (12/26/18)

Jewish Rock 'n Rollers of the 60's Concert (1/26/19)



Audience members dancing at Jewish Rock 'n Rollers of the 60's Concert (1/26/19)



JUF Brunch (2/10/19)



10 Commandments Game (2/10/19)

## Sing A New Song

#### By Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman Cantor

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"Shiru L'Adonai, shir chadash. shiru L'Adonai kol ha'aretz" (Psalm 96). Before Shabbat officially enters, Jewish tradition encourages us to welcome Shabbat (Kabbalat Shabbat) by reciting seven Psalms which represent the seven days of Creation. Six of these, Psalm 95-99, and then Psalm 29, occur just before we officially welcome the "Sabbath Bride" in the liturgical poem, "L'cha Dodi." Our tradition teaches us that God rests on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, with the number 7 meaning "sheva," which is also the root of the Hebrew word "Shabbat". God modeled this day for us by resting after an exceedingly long and tiresome week of creating the world. After L'cha Dodi, we recite either Psalm 92, a Psalm of King David, which tells of our longing for future days when every single day will be like

Shabbat, or Psalm 93 acknowledging God's Sovereignty and the completion of God's incredible work of creation.

These Psalms have been set to joyful, spiritfilled music, intended to remind us of one of the five Tenants of Judaism, according to Rabbi Art Green in his book: Judaism's 10 Best Ideas: Simcha (joyfulness). We have added some of these Psalms into our Friday night services for this purpose: to help you "forget your troubles, c'mon get happy!" It is often difficult to completely forget the challenges of the previous week or to set aside the "to-do" lists in the week ahead. But our liturgy was designed to help us do just that. Music releases serotonin in our brains which allows feelings of happiness and calmness into our bodies. The prayers of our evening service (ma'ariv), which follow Kabbalat Shabbat, are intense prayers, such as the Sh'ma, and if we want to really mean what we are saying, we need to be in the best possible headspace. Singing the Psalms beforehand helps get us there.

As Psalm 96 says, we often "sing a new song unto God." Many of us find it difficult to experience unfamiliar melodies in our worship. Many will comment that we no longer sing the "regular" V'shamru, Mi Chamocha, or

others. Did you know that unlike the Torah and our liturgy, Jewish music was not codified? In fact, each time the Jews emigrated to a new land, they wrote music for worship based on the folk music of the country they were living in. When Hazzan Solomon Sulzer wrote the Sh'ma for his congregation in the 17th century, they nearly booed him off the bima because it sounded like the melodious music of Mozart and Haydn-Sulzer's "folk" music-



rather than the minor tunes they were familiar with. Also, the original chants of the Catholic church came from the first Catholics who were actually Jews who had been forced to convert during the 15<sup>th</sup> Century

#### Music our brains. which allows feelings of happiness and calmness into our bodies.

Spanish Inquisition. Likewise today, our Jewish composers are influenced by the releases serotonin in popular music in our midst. All of this is to say that limiting our worship to only include songs and melodies which we have always known and are comfortable with is inadvertently suppressing an entire body of creativity and refusing to recognize the musical talent which exists in abundance amongst our fellow Jews. It would be like suppressing an entire body of Jewish

literature, commentary, and insisting that sermons contain the same textual references over and over again.

Speaking of "singing a new song," I want to invite all of you to come and see our Purim Schpiel: Shushan Rhapsody. We will tell the story of Purim through the songs of the band Queen starring Temple Jeremiah's very own talented members! Please come out and support your fellow Temple Jeremiah members and help boo for Haman and cheer for Esther, and enjoy food and drinks in the "spirit" of Purim before and after the show

On Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm, Temple Jeremiah's very own talented cellist and musician, Aaron Kaplan, will

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Mazel tov to Lori Goldstein. who was selected to the Top 100: 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and the Top 50: 2019 Women Illinois Super Lawyers. Yasher Koach, Lori!

## Tell & Kvell

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Congratulations to Babette Sanders on being chosen as an inaugural winner of the Provost Award for Exemplary Faculty Service at Northwestern University. Mazel tov, Babette!



to be extraordinarily pleased; especially, to be bursting with pride, as over one's family.

Have something great you want to kvell (feel happy and proud) about? We'd love to help you share it with the congregation! Please email your kvells, along with a picture, to jill@templejeremiah.org.

## Temple Jeremiah Adult's Only Purim Schpiel SHUSHAN RHAPSODY

# BASED ON THE MUSIC OF QUEEN

Join us for an evening of music and fun as we celebrate Purim through the music of Queen.

> March 20, 2019 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Drinks and appetizers will be served prior to the Schpiel. Dessert to follow.



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This event is free.

## **Purim is Coming!**

By Caren Brown Inclusion Committee ceb994@gmail.com

PURIM IS COMING! For those who want to "make merry" at the Carnival but prefer a quieter, more relaxed and less populated gathering, Temple Jeremiah's Purim Carnival will be open early----from 10:00 - 1 0:45 a.m. It's free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Costume wearing is encouraged! Our theme this year is "The Greatest Showman." This is a welcoming setting for those with disabilities and their families and friends. Join us afterward from 11:00–11:30 a.m. for Purim storytelling and songs.

Please RSVP to Caren at ceb994@gmail.com. Upon registration, you'll receive a "social narrative" of the event. See the flyer for this event on Jeremiah's website and in your weekly e-news.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



## Save the Date: CEL Art Fair

#### By Lori Kash lorikash12@gmail.com

Save the Date! April 28th, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

"Perspectives" is a collaborative art show featuring volunteer artists from our community. Artists include Temple Jeremiah members, staff and volunteers along with our 6<sup>th</sup> grade religious class, and friends of The Center for Enriched Living (CEL), all who partner-up to create truly unique multi-media works of art for our brand new concept, Perspectives.

For this exhibit, each community artist, including Temple Jeremiah's 6<sup>th</sup> grade religious class, personally selects an original piece created by a CEL artist that inspires him or her and then creates a complementary companion piece. Both works will then be displayed side-by-side at the show so we get a glimpse into individual perspectives and can all be inspired by these matching pieces.

Come be a part of our third annual art show partnering with The Center for Enriched Living. CEL is a vibrant community where people with developmental disabilities connect, participate, grow and pursue their passions. Be inspired as an artist or viewer. Or feel moved and enjoy as a purchaser.

The *Perspective* is yours to choose.



A Community of Friends. A World of Opportunities.

### **Weekly Torah Portions**

We invite you to join us on Saturday mornings to discuss the Torah portion and how it might apply to our lives. We meet at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday.



March 2, 2019	Vayak'he
March 9, 2019	P'kude
March 16 2019	Vayikra
March 23, 2019	Tzav
March 30, 2019	Sh'min

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eil Exodus 35:1-38:2	Exodus 35:1-38:20		
i Exodus 38:21-40	38		
a Leviticus 1:1-5:2	6		
Leviticus 6:1–8:3	6		
i Leviticus 9:1-11:4	17		

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#### CANTOR'S MESSAGE continued from page 3

present a free lecture concert about the music of Leonard Bernstein. David Goldstein, along with other Chicago area cantors to perform selections from some of Bernstein's most popular and beloved repertoire, including Candide, West Side Story, and many more.

Maybe you'd like to re-visit your Torah portion on the anniversary of your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Or maybe you always wanted to chant the story of the Creation. I am always looking for Torah chanters for our Saturday morning Tefilah service, and I will provide you with all the tools to help you have a great experience.

Come sing in our choirs! Our beautiful Adult Choir sings the second Friday night of every month and rehearses weekly on Tuesday nights, and the second Wednesday of every month. Our Jr. Choir, Shir Joy, is for grades 2-5. We meet every Sunday from 10:45-11:15 and sing for special Shabbat Services. If you are in grades 6-12, come join our brand-new teen a capella choir. No prior experience, music reading, or commitment is required to be in any of these choirs. Just come as you are.

The Temple Jeremiah Bullfrog Band is also always looking to welcome new members. We play for H(OUR) Shabbat on the 3rd Friday of every month and on occasional concerts.

And if you ever dreamed of singing a solo for a captive audience (as in our services), my door is always open for singing duets and other prayers during worship. I welcome all levels of ability. As I pass the halfway point of my first year as your Cantor, I continue to be moved by how warm, welcoming, and genuine you all are.

Thank you for welcoming Ross, Abigail, Zev, and me with open arms and hearts. I am so honored to serve as your cantor, and I am so excited to help you find your voice!

Shalom,

Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman

#### Go Paperless!

If you would like to opt out of receiving The Covenant as a paper document mailed to your home please go to https://tinyurl.com/covoptout. You will still receive the link to read The Covenant every month in the Temple Jeremiah E-news and can always find it on our website at http://templejeremiah.org under "About Us."

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We also have the opportunity to reflect not just on our work and responsibilities but in the blessings we enjoy.

The great sage, Ben Zoma, teaches in the tractate of the Mishnah, *Pirke Avot*, through question and answer. Ben Zoma askes, "*Azeh hu ashir*? *Ha sameach b'chelko*." Who is truly rich? The one who experiences joy in his lot." Joy is not just a once a year experience or celebration.

Inscribed above the Ark in the Golder Chapel are the words of the Hebrew prophet, Jeremiah. "*Kol sasson*, *v'kol <u>simcha</u>*, the sound of gladness, the sound of joy." These words come as part of Jeremiah's vision of the messianic age. He imagined a wedding feast of celebration. The sounds of gladness and joy at such a gathering captured the feeling Jeremiah wished to express. Joy is a taste of the world redeemed.

One last thought. The Day of Atonement is connected to *Purim.* Indeed, our sages point out that this is reflected in the very name of the day *Yom K'Purim*, the Day that is Like *Purim.* How so? The Day of Atonement is a day of great anxiety. We strive to atone for the sins and transgressions of the past year. We seek to cleanse ourselves and to receive God's forgiveness. The fasting adds to the drama of the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer: Who shall live and who shall die?

end of the day there is <u>joy</u>. Moving through the dread and tension we are immediately enfolded in the <u>joy</u> of being alive and ready to celebrate *Sukkot*, the Festival of Thanksgiving, just five days later. Again, our <u>joy</u> leads us to action. The command is not just to build and dwell in the *sukkah* for seven days, it is to welcome guests, to strengthen connections.

I hope that you will join us for our *Purim* celebration beginning on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, with our Shushan Shuffle and Carnival and then on *Erev Purim*, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for our grand *Purim Schpiel* and *Megillah* reading. More information can be found further in this issue of the Covenant. Let us welcome *Adar* with the fullness of joy and work to strengthen our connections to one another and help those in need.

Shalom,

Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, D.Min., D.D.

Yom K'Purim, the Day that is like Purim, because at the

60 Ways to Meet Cantor Friedman



Celebrating 60 Years

TEMPLE JEREMIAH SISTERHOOD AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENT:

## 60 WAYS TO MEET CANTOR FRIEDMAN

Enjoy a wine tasting, light snacks, and conversation with Cantor Friedman. No charge to attend, donations welcome. No need to RSVP, just come!

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Wilmette Wine Cellar

**1100 Central Avenue, Wilmette** 

By Lori Kash lorikash12@gmail.com

Lori Kash, and her husband Gary, have been members of Temple Jeremiah for almost 27 years. Lori is very involved in the Social Justice Committee, heads up the Sisterhood Mah Jongg group, and volunteers at Whittier School, among her many positions and talents! Lori was kind enough to allow us to get to know her better.

#### How long have you been a member?

11-14 years depending on when you start counting. My husband, Gary, has been a member for 25 years. I hadn't been to temple in a long time, but when I met Gary I started going to services and various events with him.

#### What made you join Temple Jeremiah?

One of the fabulous benefits that came with the marriage.

## What have been some of your favorite events/ programs/ways you have been involved?

There have been so many! Volunteering in a classroom at Whittier was the first program in which I volunteered, fell in love with, and I am still working with the same teacher 10.5 years later! Apparently, I can't graduate out of first grade. I also coordinate the volunteer program, various item collection programs and other projects we do for Whittier.

I've participated in the Women's Seder for three years. It's a warm, interesting, unique and fun way to share the traditions of Passover with women friends (and making new friends) I may not typically share the holiday with. And having the Anne Lidsky/Amy Zussman duo together again each year is such a treat.

Packing food for Backpack Blessings is a great way to help the food-insecure kids in the community and connect with our TJ community at the same time. There is lots of laughter, sharing and energy going on during that hour or so of packing and delivery!

I've only volunteered once at the Eat and Be Well Medical Food Pantry because I usually have another commitment at that time, but I loved it and will absolutely return when I can. It is a wonderful way to directly connect with, and get to know, some of the folks we serve in a caring, positive and environment. I could go on and on!

## What committees are you on? And what made you say yes to being on the committee?

I'm on the Social Justice Committee. Barb Miller was working on a project to connect congregants who have family members with developmental disabilities. Rabbi Cohen knew that I volunteer twice a week at the Center for Enriched Living, an organization for people with developmental disabilities and autism, so he thought that I would be a good person to get involved with this project. I was reluctant at first, as I gave any extra time I had to the Center, but Barb asked me to just come to the meeting. I said yes because I was very



curious, and it's hard to say no to Barb! The next thing I knew I was saying yes to coordinate a panel discussion for the project because it was a topic close to my heart. And then I said yes to joining the Social Justice Committee.

I also coordinate the bi-weekly Mah Jongg Group. When Sisterhood was going to the Women of Jeremiah format I went to the initial program idea-generating meeting. Randi Gurian mentioned that she and I had taken Mah Jongg lessons at TJ and perhaps we could have a group. If I recall correctly, Randi volunteered me to organize it. And I said yes. BTW, we are always looking for additional players; come play with us!

## What other parts of Temple Jeremiah have you been involved with?

When Donna or Jill needs help in the office, I'll always say yes if I'm available. I like meeting congregants I've never met before who may come in, chatting with our clergy and staff when they stop by and helping out.

#### What do you get most excited about?

Hard to say – I have a lot of Zerizut! (Zerizut is enthusiasm, which I learned in the temple Mussar group!)

#### What are you most proud of?

Our hearts at Temple Jeremiah are filled with sincere compassion to help others and our joy in doing it.

## If someone was considering joining Temple Jeremiah what would you tell them?

I had no interest in joining the temple, but what I found was a warm, caring, down-to-earth, friendly and upbeat, vibrant community where Jewish values and experiences are shared, embraced, and enjoyed. How could I resist?! Whether you are looking to participate in worship, education, social justice, social events or all of the above, look no further!

## What last thoughts would you like to leave the readers with?

Everyone can experience the joy of belonging in their own big or small way.

## **Volunteer in the Temple Office**

Do you have a few extra hours each week? We're always looking for congregants to come in and help out the office staff with mailings, answering phones, and other tasks during the week or during school hours. If interested, please contact Donna at donna@templejeremiah.org or call 847.441.5760.

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## Maot Chitim Passover Delivery

#### By JACK CRAVEN

*Social Justice Chair* jack@allinexecutivecoaching.com

#### Volunteers Needed to Assist Maot Chitim with Deliveries for Passover

We are looking for temple volunteers to support a worthy cause, Maot Chitim, whose mission since 1908 has been to assist needy members of the Greater Chicagoland Jewish community with Passover, High Holidays, and other food related needs. Their mission is also to provide a Tzedakah (charity) vehicle to unite all members of the Jewish Community. Maot Chitim provides meals to over 5,000 families and 30,000 individuals. This is how we can help as a community:

The delivery day is April 14th at 11:00 a.m. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/maotchitim to sign up. We would like to have as many Temple Jeremiah volunteers as possible. The delivery is a great way to volunteer with the en-

tire family, all ages are welcome. Maot Chitim has especially asked for drivers with trucks to deliver to multiple addresses in the city and suburbs.

Please contact Jack Craven for more information at jack@allinexecutivecoaching.com or at 708.917.2121.



## The Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

By RABBI RACHEL HEAPS Assistant Rabbi rabbiheaps@templejeremiah.org

Our partner in advocacy, Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), is working to finalize potential social justice campaigns focusing on upcoming the legislation in the 2019 Illinois General Assembly; a key factor includes determining where the collectively



organized voice of the Reform Jewish community is most needed to make a meaningful impact in our priority area(s) of immigrant justice and/or criminal justice reform. If you are passionate about one of these areas contact Rabbi Cohen.

Possible Campaigns include:

- Immigration Justice: Strengthening the Illinois TRUST Act
- Immigration Justice: Statewide Immigrant Family Legal Defense Fund
- Criminal Justice: Sentencing Reform
- Criminal Justice: Community Re-entry
- Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice Reform

For more information, please visit http:// templejeremiah.org/get-involved/social-justice/ advocacy/.

## **Intergenerational Social Justice Programs**

As part of celebrating Temple Jeremiah's 60th Anniversary we are encouraging intergenerational participation at Social Justice programs. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren; parents, invite everyone to participate with you. And snap a photo! Please share the photos with Rabbi Heaps at rabbiheaps@templejeremiah.org.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE:

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<u>March</u>

Sunday, March 3rd: Feed the Hungry Tuesday, March 5th: Eat and Be Well Sunday, March 10th: Backpack Blessings Tuesday, March 19th: Eat and Be Well April

Tuesday, April 2nd: Eat and Be Well Sunday, April 7th: Feed the Hungry Tuesday, April 16th: Eat and Be Well Sunday, April 21st: Backpack Blessings Sunday, April 28th: CEL Art Fair

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## March Adult Learning

By RICHARD GELINE Adult Learning Chair rgeline@sbcglobal.net

Our March Adult Learning program will be shortened by the spring break.

On March 3rd\*\* will again feature an outside speaker. Rabbi Joshua Weinberg, the President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), will share with us the role of the North American Reform Jewish Community in addressing Israel's internal struggles with religion and social justice.

ARZA seeks to promote democracy respect and equality in Israel. It believes the Jewish homeland must be a society reflective of both domestic values and religious pluralism. The organization works for the acceptance and respect of the reform movement. It seeks a modern state of Israel which is inclusive and home for all. More specifically it seeks to address issues of civil marriage, acceptance of non-Orthodox conversion, gender equality, and racial justice. Rabbi Weinberg will bring us up to date on what is happening on the ground now.

What is your own personal relationship to God? On March 10th, Dr. Anne Lidsky will lead a discussion on this challenging topic. Is God all powerful or simply all good? Can God be found through relationship or does your childhood image of God impact your thinking? If you have grappled with your own personal definition, join Dr. Lidsky on a powerful God journey and experience how 're-defining' can shed light on this complex idea.

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At this time planning for the 2019 – 2020 Adult Learning program has begun. As this writer has stated many times, there are no boundaries for potential topics. Presentations on history, biography, literature, art, music, science, education, traditions, customs, and more are all welcome. The only requirement is a connection to Jewish thought and Jewish life.

If you have heard a speaker or of an expert who might be a good fit please contact Temple Jeremiah with your suggestion.

\*\*Please note the topic change for March 3rd. Rabbi Joshua Weinberg was supposed to present on February 24th, but will now be presenting on March 3rd. Pulse of Our World will be taking place on February 24th.

#### Adult Learning sessions take place every Sunday that Religious School is in session, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. You can see the full schedule at http://templejeremiah.org/learning/adult-learning.



## Think of us as **YOUR FAMILY**

A fter all, you have loved this congregation and poured your heart into it. It has made you proud, and stands as a testament to your values. You have nurtured it and helped it become what it is today.

This congregation is an enduring part of your Jewish legacy, just like your family.

As you plan for the future, think about what that legacy means to you ... and please consider the congregation in your will or estate plan.

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact **Daniel Glassman** at **847.441.5760** or *daniel@templejeremiah.org*.

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## The Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship

#### Entering College Freshmen – Apply Now Deadline: April 24

To apply, a student who will be entering his/her first year of college this fall should write a letter to Rabbi Cohen telling about him/herself, interests and goals and describing his/her qualifications for being considered to receive this scholarship. In memory of Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz, a college scholarship is awarded each year to a Temple Jeremiah High School senior who actively participated in or provided service to the Temple or school. Applicants should also meet one or more of the following criteria: academic or other notable achievement, financial need, and service to the community. Rabbi Cohen will review all applications with

the scholarship committee. *The deadline for receiving applications this year is April 24, 2019.* Presentation of the scholarship will

be made at our annual meeting, May 13th. Good luck!



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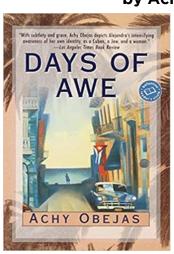
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## Sisterhood Book Club

So many new books! It's a great time to read, get together, and talk! For more information or to sign up, contact Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org.

## Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:00-11:30 a.m.

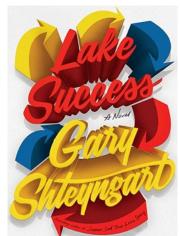
#### *Days of Awe* by Achy Obejas



Alejandra San Jose is born in Havana on New Year's Day 1959. Not a lucky time to be born Jewish in Cuba. Her parents decide their fate is better cast elsewhere. Where will they go? And what will become of the family they leave behind?

### Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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