Opening Up to the Stranger

On a cold wintry night recently, I made my way to a second floor classroom to teach our Introduction to Judaism class (formally called Stepping Stones I and II). I have the privilege to teach with a dedicated team of lay leaders who have guided and embraced conversion students, interfaith couples and spiritual seekers for many years.

The topic: Jewish rituals surrounding coming of age, conversion, and death. I know—it’s a lot for one class but when you are trying to give students a “taste” of the history, culture, practices and beliefs of Judaism, one must paint with broad brush strokes and encourage ongoing discussion beyond the allotted time (which always happens!).

At one point, a student raised his hand and said, “So, what is the most central message of the Torah? What is God asking us to do on this earth?”

At first I thought: “Well this is a bit off topic.” And then I took a pause, realizing it was precisely at the very heart of the topic. For it is rituals that can help bring into focus the meaning of life itself.

I responded with the following: The repetition of words and phrases in the Torah is a way to emphasize the importance of a message. So, with that in mind, the law repeated with the most frequency in the Biblical text is the one commanding the Israelites not to oppress the stranger. We were strangers in Egypt. We know what it feels like, and we are commanded to act...

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**News Flash**

We are thrilled to announce a transformative gift of $5 million from the Nasher-Haemisegger family to the Our Temple | Our Future campaign. The family has also chosen to recognize Rabbi David Stern’s remarkable contributions to Temple by naming the new chapel in his honor.

With everyone’s help, we will sprint to the finish line and bring this project to new heights of beauty, functionality and sacred connection by restoring features we had previously eliminated due to cost increases.

**Celebrate**

Every dollar, every congregant, every gift counts. Let’s go ALL IN for Temple to raise participation to 100 percent.

**Participate**

Donate online at www.tedallas.org/OTOFdonation.

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Share your participation on social media using this hashtag!

**Information:**

Development Director
Kristianne Hinkamp, khinkamp@tedallas.org;
Development Office, 214.706.0000
How We Met: Sh’ma Emanu-El Stories

Sh’may Groups are coming together for a Sh’may Havdalah at 5:30pm on Saturday, April 18, in the Klein Garden at Temple. All are invited to attend, whether or not you are part of a Sh’may Group.

Here are four groups of participants—a new member family, an engaged couple, cooking aficionados and neighbors—who have chosen Sh’may Emanu-El as an additional path to connection at Temple.

Want to join a group? Contact: Diana Einstein, deinstein@tedallas.org

Irene and Buddy Raden
(As told by Irene) Buddy and I knew that we wanted to be a part of a group with food as a focus. After all, food is hamish—at once homey, plain, cozy, friendly and informal, thus providing a great backdrop for friendship and camaraderie. As it turned out, several other couples shared our passion. I agreed to being a guide, and suddenly we became a group of 12 enthusiastic people! We will be exploring different avenues that will also embrace some of Temple’s values of sharing, tikun olam, and, of course, feeding our souls!

The Isenberg Family: Daniel, Shilyh, Lucas and Zev
(As told by Daniel) We joined Temple late this fall just in time for the Sh’may matching events. With encouragement from the organizers, I decided to start a kid-friendly group, which as it turned out merged with one of the Havdalah groups started last year! We now have a group of about seven families with kids of varying ages. We are calling ourselves Family Havdalah Potluck. For our family, it will be a great way for us to build more relationships with other Jewish families.

Risa Gross and Dan Cohan
(As told by Risa) Sh’ma Emanu-El is designed to foster new and strengthened relationships, though I doubt Sh’may leadership had romantic relationships in mind when they conceived of the new initiative! Nonetheless, I can credit Sh’may Emanu-El with helping me meet my fiancé. On Yom Kippur of 2013, I attended a Sh’may Emanu-El session and was randomly assigned to a discussion group with my soon-to-be father-in-law. Upon hearing my story, it struck him that his son and I might get along. He mentioned the idea to his wife, who then mentioned it to my mother, who asked me if she could share my phone number. The rest, as they say, is history. Dan and I are eagerly anticipating our life together, and we will be married this fall at—where else?—Temple Emanu-El!

Linda Winski and Ellen Markus
(As told by Linda) Have you ever met someone with whom you instantly connect? That was Ellen and I at the first meeting of our multi-age, all women’s Sh’may Group. After the meeting, Ellen lingered to chat and discovered that we live around the corner from each other. The more we talked, the more things we found we have in common—our sons, the love of grandparenting and early morning walks in the neighborhood. That led to a walking date and we plan to walk on a weekly basis. For me, that’s what Sh’may groups are all about—creating deeper connections with one another. I believe those connections are something we all would like to have in our lives to feel more satisfied. At the same time, we’re strengthening the fabric of our congregation.
COMMUNITY

YOUNG ADULTS

The Dish: Serving Up Big Jewish Ideas
Tuesday, Apr. 21, 7pm, Times Ten Cellars, 6324 Prospect Ave.

This monthly Young Adults Learning series asks you to learn and explore, stretch your mind and open your soul. Join other 20s and 30s Dallasites in a casual setting as we talk about big Jewish realities and discuss big ideas. Bring a friend and we’ll see you there!

Rest & Refresh with Paul Quinn College
Saturday, Apr. 11, 10am, Room 122-124

As Passover ends, join TE Young Adults and students from Paul Quinn College for a special Rest & Refresh Shabbat morning to celebrate Shabbat and learn together about shared stories of freedom.

RSVP TO BOTH EVENTS: Melissa Duchin, mduchin@tedallas.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Monthly Collection Welcomes a New Partner

Temple’s Social Justice Council has welcomed a new collection partner, the International Rescue Committee, which needs apartment makeover help for residents who have just moved to the Vickery Meadow neighborhood. This is a great project for working members who like to volunteer on the weekends. The IRC is in need of cooking utensils, such as dish towels, pots and pans, flatware and dishes.

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Caring Congregation
and
Jewish Family Service
present

SUKKAT SHALOM
A Safe Place for Tough Topics

Rabbi Nancy Kasten, parent of a child in recovery
Will Hoffman, a young adult in recovery
Janet Anselmo-Henson, addiction specialist, JFS
Carrie Stevens, counselor with Plano Independent School District

Tuesday, April 7
7-8:30pm | Pollman Hall
WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

Make Your Vote Count
Support progressive Judaism by voting for the ARZA slate.

About ARZA
ARZA is the voice of Reform Judaism in Israel. If you think that Reform rabbis and progressive Jewish congregations should have the same rights and support as Orthodox rabbis and congregations, you need to support ARZA. If you believe that congregations like Temple Emanu-El should have dynamic Israel engagement and programming, you should support ARZA.

Online Voting
www.reformjews4israel.org

Election Period
Through April 30

Register and Vote
Register and vote in one session on the secure election website or by completing paper registration and a ballot. Cost is $5 for ages 18-30, $10 for ages 30 and up. Temple will have paper registration forms through the election.

Grief Support Group
Begins April 28
Temple’s Caring Congregation, in partnership with Jewish Family Service, will hold a six-week grief support series from April 28-June 2. The sessions will be held from 11:30am-1pm in Room 249, and cover the following topics: Understanding Grief and Loss, The Grief Process, Jewish Traditions and Insights (led by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen), Myths About Grief, Support and Communication, Hope for the Future. The sessions will be facilitated by JFS Counselor Deborah Leibensberger.

Cost: $80 (confidential financial assistance is available)
Contact: Peggy Papert, ppapert@tedallas.org

Transitions Team!
Temple is here for you at all the transitions in your life. Pictured from left to right: Rhea Wolfram, Sylvia Silven, Pat Peiser and Richard Bernstein celebrate their moves to The Tradition on Lovers Lane with a mezuzah hanging ceremony by Temple staff. If you have a special transition, let us know!

Contact: Peggy Papert at ppapert@tedallas.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

Stitchin’ Sisters
Tuesdays, April 7 and 21, 6:30-8:30pm, Room 248, access via stairs near choir loft or elevator near ECEC entrance
Work on any needlework project with plenty of schmoozing and noshing. Contact: Sharon Willey, 214.597.4914 or sharon@txwilley.com (request elevator code by email)

WRJ General Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 11:30am-1pm, Tobian Auditorium
A complimentary light lunch will be served, and there will be a vote on the WRJ Executive Board slate of officers for 2015-2016.

Daughters of Abraham
Thursday, April 16, 7-8:30pm, MAS Islamic Center, 1515 Blake Drive, Richardson
The topic is “Women of the Book,” a discussion of our shared faith heroines. Contact: Leah Beth Kolni, 214.801.7463 or leahbkolni@gmail.com

Lilith Salon
Sunday, April 19, 3-5pm, home of Vicki Redden
The discussion will be based on articles from the winter issue of Lilith Magazine. See the View for details. RSVP and Contact: Eleanor Trachtenberg, 214.363.2218

Save the Date:
Installation of Officers for 2015-2016
May 20, 5:30-7:30pm, Tobian Auditorium

Moving Sale
Outfit your Jewish home at Judaic Treasures, where all proceeds benefit you and your family.

Sunday, April 26 • Pollman Hall Foyer
9:30am-3pm

Discounts 25%-75% (excluding Nambe, Aram, books and greeting cards)

Volunteers are needed May 1-14 to pack up merchandise while the store will be on hiatus this summer.

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Honoring our members who are celebrating 50 or more years of marriage or Temple membership

May 8, 2015

Shabbat Evening Services, 8:15PM
The *Union Prayer Book* will be used.
Dinner before services, 6:30PM
Tobian Auditorium

Contact: Peggy Papert, ppapert@tedallas.org
Shabbat Shalom!

Pesach
Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10
Friday, April 3
Passover Evening Festival Service
5:30pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Debra Robbins

Saturday, April 4
Shabbat Morning and Festival Service
10:30am, Pollman Hall
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren

Friday, April 10
Concluding Passover Festival Service with Yizkor
10:30am, Pollman Hall
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Richard Cohn

Pesach
Conclusion of Passover
Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
Friday, April 10
6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi David Stern
Rabbi Amy Ross
Cantor Leslie Niren
Guest Songleaders
Service honoring Rabbi Ross and all Temple teachers

Saturday, April 11
10:30am, Pollman Hall
Rabbi Brian Zimmerman
Shirat HaLev

4:30pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Richard Cohn
Becoming Bat Mitzvah: Olivia Metz

Shabbat Sh'mini
Leviticus 10:12-11:47
Friday, April 17
6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Union Prayer Book
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Richard Cohn
Temple Emanu-El Choir
Choir Appreciation

Saturday, April 18
10:30am, Pollman Hall
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Randy Pearlman

10:30am, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Richard Cohn
Becoming Bat Mitzvah: Morgan Hurst

Shabbat Tazria-M'tzora
Leviticus 12:1-15:33
Friday, April 24
6pm, Pollman Hall
Sababa Family Friday
Rabbi Amy Ross
Cantor Leslie Niren

6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Asher Knight
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Richard Cohn

Saturday, April 25
10:30am, Pollman Hall
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Richard Cohn

10:30am, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren
Becoming Bat Mitzvah: Sara Bierner

Can’t Be With Us? Call in with Kesher
214.706.0050

Live Streaming
April 10
April 24
live.tedallas.org

Daily Minyan
8:15am
Sunday-Friday
Olan Sanctuary
Matzah Balls and Memories
Passover Begins April 3 • 15 Nisan

Services
Friday, April 3, 5:30pm
Olan Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4, 10:30am
Pollman Hall

Friday, April 10, 10:30am
Pollman Hall (with Yizkor)

Haggadah Lending
Copies of the A Different Night haggadah are available to borrow for each guest at your home seder.
Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

Be Our Guest
The Elijah + 2 program returns under a new name. Choose to host or attend a seder in Temple’s annual effort to find spaces at the table for all who request them. Hosts are always especially needed! This year, accept our thanks for hosting with a special gift from WRJ.
For Hosts: tedallas.wufoo.com/forms/seder-host-form/
For Guests: tedallas.wufoo.com/forms/seder-guest-form/
Contact: Susan Dunn, sdunn@tedallas.org

Hunger Relief Drive
Support hunger relief by donating online or writing a check.
www.tedallas.org/hungerrelief
Contact: Diana Coben Einstein, deinstein@tedallas.org

Dayenu Goes Digital!
www.tedallas.org/passover

It’s not too late to outfit your seder table at Judaic Treasures. The seder plate below, by Classic Touch Decor, is on sale for $74.80.
Newly elected president Mark Zilbermann has lifelong roots at Temple, and finds giving back the most satisfying role of all.

As the co-chair of the Our Temple | Our Future campaign, Mark Zilbermann is used to asking.

For dollars to fund Temple’s expansion and renovation. For volunteers to help plan events. For solicitors to bring in more dollars. In short, for the time, commitment and resources at all levels to pull off a historic undertaking for Temple.

Mark knows the power of the ask. And for his new role as Temple president, he says he got there because many people along the way asked him to, and there was always a compelling reason to say yes.

As the 62-year-old CEO of The Brandt Companies takes the helm as President this month, he reflects on a life of Temple membership and the opportunities ahead for our dynamic congregation.

“I was a typical North Dallas kid,” Mark says. “I had a bar mitzvah and got confirmed. I was socially Jewish and involved in BBYO. It was really nothing remarkable. I was away for six years at Yale and UT, then I met Peggy and we got married nine months after I got back to Dallas.”

He started work as an engineer at Brandt, a company for which his father was a partner, and ultimately teamed up with an associate to buy it many years later in 1995.

As he and Peggy, now married 37 years, built their family and careers, Temple remained a big

Saying Yes to Temple

Meet New Members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

Karen Blumenthal
Hometown: Dallas
Family: Married to Scott McCartney, mother of two
Professional life: Financial journalist and author of eight books
Temple life: Budget Committee, Our Temple | Our Future, Search Committee for Director of Youth Learning
Hobbies: Baking, watching sports, needlepoint
Favorite Jewish holiday: Passover

Mary Lee Broder
Hometown: New York City
Family: Married to Michael, mother of two
Professional life: Advertising and marketing consultant
Temple life: Executive Committee, Communications Committee, Youth Learning + Engagement Council
Hobbies: Travel, bridge, movies, art
Favorite Jewish holiday: Rosh Hashanah

Greg Gerstenhaber
Hometown: Houston
Family: Married to Courtney, father of three
Professional life: Management consultant
Temple life: Early Childhood Education Center
Hobbies: Pro sports, biking, kids’ activities
Favorite Jewish holiday: Passover

Micah Jacobs
Hometown: Houston
Family: Married to Paula, father of one
Professional life: Pediatric urologist at UT Southwestern
Temple life: Prayer Project, Cantorial Search Committee, Schlinger Ethics Symposium, Hartman Learning Circle
Hobbies: Reading, scuba diving, Candy Crush Saga
Favorite Jewish holiday: High Holy Days
part of their lives. “As the years went along, I realized I’d grown up in a Jewish community that was a great launching pad and a nurturing environment. There were terrific social opportunities and enough rope to let you explore and not go too far out of bounds. It helped me to be a more ethical person without even realizing it was happening. I’m lucky to have had that experience for myself and for my kids, and I want it for my grandkids, too. Temple has been my primary outlet for giving back.”

His path of Temple engagement started out with Chever Torah and a family education class while his sons, Doug and Aaron, now 34 and 32 respectively, were in Religious School. He was soon asked to join the Brotherhood board, then the Board of Trustees.

In recent years, he has served on the Executive Committee in several capacities, and became co-chair of the Capital Campaign with Sheryl Fields Bogen, which began in March 2011.

The Campaign has been a satisfying experience, and not only because so many have said yes to the goals to build new worship, education and gathering spaces and renovate historic spaces.

“There really haven’t been any bad moments,” says Mark. “There have been letdowns because people haven’t given what we’d hoped they’d give. I remember one meeting where the congregant explained his philosophy of giving, and Rabbi Stern and I looked at each other and thought: ‘Losing never felt so good.’ He was philanthropic, but a building just didn’t float his boat.

“And then there were the people who would have never thought about giving at the level they did. One person thought I was crazy when I suggested a number. Then he called me and said, ‘I can do this and I feel really good about it.’ He ended up helping solicit other gifts.”

As Temple builds for the future, he says, our congregation faces a big challenge that is playing out across the country: Jews are affiliating less, and that has profound implications for synagogues.

“When Peggy and I got married, the thing to do was to join a synagogue. It’s not that way today. It’s not that young people are any less spiritual or less philanthropic. We just have to listen to that and engage them in a more meaningful way. People are looking for meaning in their lives. We have to respond to that. It’s not about numbers. We simply have to be more important to the people we have.”

With granddaughters Gigi and Bella about to enter the Confirmation class of 2026, the stakes simply couldn’t be any higher.
When liberation came to Dachau 70 years ago this month, Yitzik Rzepkowicz was 21 years old and weighed 69 pounds. He had arrived just weeks before on a death march, suffering from typhus. On that day, he and fellow prisoners were lined up outside a crematorium, when the U.S. Seventh Army’s 45th Infantry Division streamed in the camp, calling “you are free, you are free.”

The young Yitzik didn’t understand the foreign language. Later in the day, the Red Cross trucks came, and at last he knew: The horror—never to be forgotten and never, he vowed, to be repeated—was over.

Later this month, Jack Repp, the 91-year-old Dallas businessman and longtime Temple member, will travel back to Germany as a guest of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. A native of Radom, Poland, Repp spent time in five concentration camps, ending with the liberation at Dachau. He and his longtime companion, Sarah Yarrin, will travel to Germany with Jack’s daughter, Lotty.

He has spent the past 18 years telling his story at the Dallas Holocaust Museum Center for Education and Tolerance, military bases, churches, high schools and colleges, mesmerizing students and adults alike with his remarkable tale of toughness, terror and determination. He’s never taken any money for his efforts, donating all proceeds from honorariums to the museum.

Jack will be one of 100 Holocaust survivors worldwide attending the liberation events on May 1-3, which will include recognition of a memorial sculpture by Yugoslav Nandor Glid, a reception and buffet in Dachau Castle and a commemorative service and “ Encounter Day” at the memorial site.

Jack will enter Dachau with those words ringing in his head: “You are free. You are free.” And he has spent the past 70 years making the most of that precious gift. Before he enters the camp, though, he has some unfinished business.

“God was good. He gave me 70 years. Before we go in, I’m going to say Kaddish.”
OUR MEMBERS

In Memoriam

Irwin Alper
Father of Diane Colton

Michael Belaire
Son of Rose Baumgarten

Mary Cecil
Mother of Johnny Stein

Ervin “Erv” Eatenson
Brother of Zelma Kahn

Rhonda Greenberg
Sister of Judy Goldstein

Goldye Harris
Wife of Daniel Harris
Mother of Alan Harris

Jack Martin (Robins) Rothenberg
Father of Larry Robins and Todd Robins

Ida Joan Schlesinger
Mother of Max Schlesinger

Lorna Sheinfeld
Mother of David Sheinfeld

Mazel Tov

To Julie Bleicher, for receiving the Maura Award from the Dallas Women’s Foundation at a dinner to be held on April 30.

To Jack Cooper, on the occasion of his 95th birthday. The Shabbat Nosh on April 4 will be sponsored by his wife, Susan, and held in his honor.

OUR MEMBERS

Becoming B’nai Mitzvah

Sara Lian Bierner, April 25
Daughter of Samuel Bierner and Joseph Pinson
School: J. L. Long Middle School
Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food bank, Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, VNA Meals on Wheels

Olivia Louise Metz, April 11
Daughter of Julie and Corey Metz
School: Parkhill Junior High
Tikkun Olam: Operation Kindness

Morgan Elizabeth Hurst, April 18
Daughter of Bonnie and Monte Hurst
School: Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam: Foundation Fighting Blindness, North Texas Food Bank

Nathan Ben Podolsky, April 11
Son of Rachael and Matt Podolsky
School: Highland Park Middle School
Tikkun Olam: National Association for Mental Illness

Meritt Ann Johnston, April 25
Daughter of Miki and Mitchell Johnston
School: Highland Park Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Peer tutor for students with special needs, NCL Turtle Creek Chapter, Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas

Jeremy Sun Rubin, April 11
Greene Family Camp
Son of Maggie and David Rubin
School: McCulloch Intermediate School

Conversions
Paris Stern
Alexandra Swartz
Katherine Treybig

Weddings

Josh Beliak and Tara Powell
Josh is the son of Steve Deutsch and Susy Beliak

Elizabeth Coben and Colin McCoy

New and Returning Members
Chad Albert
Melanie, Molly, Jonah & Hannah Barth and Michelle Newton
Katie Dickerson and Sidney Dezmond & Betsy Soberanes
Jay, Stacy, Grayson & Elliot Feinstein
Derek, Lauren, Jake & Dylan Handler
Jonathan & Laura Kopf
Edward & Gail Koppman
Benjamin, Ginger & Scarlett Riemer and Mary Alice Gunther
Blanche Weinberger
Aaron, Erin & Eli Zarbo

Sol Weinberger
Husband of Blanche Weinberger
Father of Alysee Compton
Stepfather of Barry, Andy, Paul and Jack Steinberg,

Jane Weiner
Mother of Steven Weiner

Penina “Penny” Weiner
Mother of Sarah Weiner and Dr. Howard Weiner
Sister of Salomon Levy

Marvin Yost
Father of Cindie Kurtz

Mazel Tov

To Sara Lian Bierner for her Bat Mitzvah at Beth-El Synagogue on April 25.

To Josh Beliak and Tara Powell for their wedding and happy life.

To Olivia Louise Metz and Nathan Ben Podolsky for their engagement and happy life.

To Meritt Ann Johnston and Jeremy Sun Rubin for their bar mitzvahs.

To all of our members for your love and support.

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Hebrew, Chuppah and Stories of Our People
Adult Learning Flourishes at Temple

Goin’ to the Chuppah
Engaged to be married? Mazel tov! As you prepare for your special day, Temple clergy, staff and community are here to help lay the foundation for your first year of marriage and beyond.

“Goin’ to the Chuppah” will include meetings with other engaged couples at Temple and in private homes to discuss issues relevant to this time in your life, learn the fundamentals of building a Jewish home and explore the gift of Shabbat.

Dates: Wednesday, April 22 (only interfaith couples), Tuesday, May 5, Friday, May 8, all at 7:30pm

Register: Melissa Duchin
mduchin@tedallas.org

Sweet!
A Taste of Hebrew
with Rabbi Debra Robbins and Rabbi Amy Ross
Thursday, April 30, 7pm, Pollman Hall

Hebrew is central to our Jewish lives. Let us know how you’d like to access our ancient and modern language at Temple in this lively and fun information session.

RSVP: Melissa Duchin, mduchin@tedallas.org

Soul Seeking: A Mussar Primer
Tuesday, April 21, 7-9pm, Pollman Hall
Experience Mussar, a Jewish tradition that offers wisdom for facing and making the most of life’s challenges. This course, led by trained facilitators, guides participants in an introduction to Mussar as a spiritual tradition and discipline that helps develop awareness discernment.

Registration is required. The fee for materials, set by The Mussar Institute, is $70, payable to Temple. Limited partial scholarships are available. RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/soulseeking

Contact: Melissa Duchin
mduchin@tedallas.org

Bea Kabler Chever Torah
Shabbat mornings, 9-10:20am, Pollman Hall
A lively and enlightening discussion of the weekly parashah

Spirituality Group
Shabbat afternoons, 1:30-3pm, Jacobus Archives
Informal discussions open to all

Beyond the Torah
Sundays during the school year, 10-11:30am, JCC
April 12 in Fruhman A, April 19, 26 in JCC Texas Room
This text-based study group focuses on prophetic books, Jewish history and liturgy, ethics, mysticism and responsa literature.
Contact: Michael Selz, mselz1@gmail.com

Talmud Study with Rabbi Stern
Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15 7:30-8:30am, Pollman Hall
This dynamic study of Talmud Tractate Berakhot takes on topics from our intentions in prayer to the presence of evil and good in the world today. Come join us for these thought-provoking discussions.

Paging Avid Readers: Two Literature Discussions

Lunch & Literature with Rabbi Robbins
Thursday, Apr. 2, Noon-1:30pm, Temple Shalom
This month’s selection is the short story, “Between Friends,” by Amos Oz. Bring your own lunch or purchase from Little Greek by contacting Diana Hall, 214.706.0017, dhall@tedallas.org.

Information, schedule and readings: www.tedallas.org/learning/lunch-literature-with-rabbi-debra-robbins

Temple Book Club
Monday, Apr. 6, 2015, 2-3:30pm, Room 242
CALLING ALL EXPLORERS!

Temple Emanu-El Early Childhood Education Center’s

CAMP K’TON

This summer at Shearith Israel!

June 8-July 31

Four sessions of two weeks each

Register
participate.tedallas.org/
ec ec/camp/application

Shelly Sender, Director
ssender@tedallas.org, 214.706.0020

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 5PM | POLLMAN HALL

With Rabbi Amy Ross, Shelly Sender and Julia Geffen Rogers

Light reception following services!

Tikkun Olam Time: International Rescue Committee

Information: www.tedallas.org/prayer/tot-shabbat

Temple Emanu-El’s Confirmation Class of 5775 (2015)
invites you to attend our

Confirmation Service
Saturday, May 9, 2015 | 20 Iyar 5775
7:30PM | Olan Sanctuary

Joel Hayden Abrams
Harrison Hayes Barton
Ryan Yale Becker
Molly Brooke Bendalin
Philip Henry Boren
Brooke Rose Bulmash
Lee Ryan Davis
Evan Richard Delagi
Alec M. Eskenazi
Saxon Cole Foster
Jared Eugene Friedman
Hannah Leigh Genender
Matthew Apter Gold
John Julian Goldman
Mia Hirsch
Charles Jake Hoffman
Shira Micol Karp
Rachel Ellen Korn
Austin Mathias Krohn
Abery Lewis Werheimer Lampert
Sasha Elizabeth McCoskey
Beckham Lurie Myers
Jenna Camille Narosov
Cody Richard Olschwang
Alec M. Herzmark Peddecord
Carson Rose Pinker
Andrew Shepard Redd
Henry Felder Roseman
Jacob Clive Rosenfield
Emily L. Rosuck
Griffen Delaney Rubin
Jillian Rae Rubin
Molly Selz
Benjamin E. Sher
Matthew Mandel Sims
Annika Nicole Squires
Jared Pierce Steinhart
Normandy Brooklyn Toledo
Heather Eve Zander
COMMUNITY

Dora Aronson Helping Hands Fund
Distributions by Rabbi David Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations

Memory of Selwyn B. Heller by Hannah Brahinsky
Memory of Eugene Levin by Barbara & Donald Zale
Memory of Ida Schlesinger by Irma & Irwin Grossman by Barbara & Donald Zale
Memory of Harold W. Waterman by Hannah Brahinsky

Clergy Good Works Fund
Distributions to charitable organizations, needy individuals, or community causes by the rabbis and cantors of Temple Emanu-El

Memory of Michael R. Belaire by Marcia & Edward Forest
Memory of Muriel Brahinsky by Pauline Brahinsky, Hannah Brahinsky, Joan & David Brahinsky & Ben Brahinsky
Memory of Henry Brahinsky by Hannah Brahinsky
Memory of Max Brook by Michael & Dianne Bender
Memory of David Goodman by Ann Kahn
Memory of Rhonda Greenberg by Hannah Brahinsky by Emma Gottlieb
Memory of Goldye Harris by Alan & Frances Harris
Memory of Helen Ann Hurst by Lawrence & Susan Garfield by Bette & Gary Morchower by Barbara & Eugene Sanger
Memory of Celia Kaufman by Leslie & Steve Levin
Memory of Eugene Levin by Carol & Brian Bloom & Family by Carol Gene & Howard Cohen by Mitzi & Rick Kahn, Charyl & Stan Itzkowitz by Beth & Gary Kahn by Ruth & Lou Katrzer by Rick Lacher by Ira Silverman by Jackie & Steve Waldman by Lois Wolf

Memory of Mildred M. Oppenheimer by Hilde Schwartz
Memory of Anna Raffkind by Lotty & Peter Casillas
Memory of Jack M. Rothenberg by Karen & Mike Ablon by Hannah Brahinsky by Nancy Cohen by Alan & Rita Sue Gold by Barry & Terry Greenberg by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld by Mitzi & Rick Kahn by Sue Lichten by Bette & Gary Morchower by Elisse & Jack Price by Amy Schwartzman and Kevin Moss by May Sebel by Ruthie & Alan Shor
Memory of Joseph Schendle by Barbara & Eugene Sanger by Steve & Betty Silverman
Memory of Lorna Sheinfeld by Ron & Marilyn Fiedelman
Memory of Herbert Leon Silverman by Steve & Betty Silverman
Memory of Louis Sonenheil by Steve & Joanne Levy
Memory of Sol Weinberger by Rose Kessel
Memory of Penina Weiner by Dr. Gary Weinstein & Dr. Donna Casey
Memory of Marvin Yost by Judy & Ron Foxman by Sherilee & Richard Trubitt
Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern by Debra Goldstein Phares & Owen Phares
Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins by Ed & Connie Dufner
Appreciation of Gerardo Trillo by Catherine Bernstein
Bar Mitzvah of Owen Phares by Andie & Arnie Allen
Birth of Evelyn & George Rich by Sarah & Alan Rich
Birthday of Larry Sayah by Joyce & Howard Korn
Birthday of Larry Wechsler by Milton Leventhal
Bris of George Rich by Sarah & Alan Rich
Honor of Cantor Leslie Niren by Barry & Debra Rothschild

Honor of Rabbi David Stern by Blake & Kyle Weinstein
Marriage of Debbi Levy & Barry Rothschild by Barry & Debra Rothschild
Speedy recovery of Ida Strasmick by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig
Speedy recovery of Louis Wadel by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig

Anne and Sam Kesner Caring Congregation Fund
Assistance for Temple members through all phases of life, including hospitalization, elder care, military service, mental health challenges and grief

Memory of Michael R. Belaire by Helen Tracey
Memory of Lois Bernstein by Paula & Norman Feldman
Memory of Marcia Dufner by Karen & Mike Ablon
Memory of Hilda Glass by Bobbie & David Repp
Memory of Marvin Goldberg by Karen & Mike Ablon
Memory of Rhonda Greenberg by Tom & Jan Timmons
Memory of Max Gutman by Miriam Star
Memory of Lela Gutman by Miriam Star
Memory of Goldye Harris by Karen & Mike Ablon by Marilyn & Bill Boyd by Barbara Miller
Memory of Eugene Levin by Laurie & Maury Harris & family
Memory of Joseph Schendle by Barbara & Eugene Sanger by Steve & Betty Silverman
Memory of Lorna Sheinfeld by Ron & Marilyn Fiedelman
Memory of Herbert Leon Silverman by Steve & Betty Silverman
Memory of Louis Sonenheil by Steve & Joanne Levy
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Honor of Cantor Leslie Niren by Barry & Debra Rothschild

Jill Stone Social Action Fund
Funding for social justice programs and initiatives throughout the Dallas community and emergency relief and advocacy issues

Memory of Carl Hess by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld

Tikkum Olam Fund
Support of programs, projects, advocacy and lectures related to Temple’s social justice initiatives

Memory of Sarah Adler by Annette & Jack Corman
Memory of Sheila Galbraith by Peggy & Rob Kaufman
Memory of Helen Ann Hurst by Bob & Lynn Behrendt by Annette & Jack Corman
Memory of Eugene Levin by Annette & Jack Corman
Memory of Jack M. Rothenberg by Sheryl & Gordon Bogen by Elise Mikus
Memory of Richard Wolf by Peggy & Rob Kaufman

Appreciation of Rick Rosenberg by Jessica Clark & Steve Buchalter
Celebration of Celia Saunders by Elise Mikus by Sue Weiner
Speedy recovery of Rose Watel by Wendy & George Palmer
Temple Emanu-El Hunger Relief Project
Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, including our High Holy Day and Passover drives, for distribution to local, national and international agencies

Memory of Eugene Levin by Shirley Rubin
Memory of Shirley Schecter by The Saks Family
Memory of Joseph Schendle by Dana & Howard Feldman & Family
Memory of Rose Weinberg by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Celebration of Michael Saks by The Saks Family

YES Fund of Sisterhood
Supporting the Youth, Education and Service program of Sisterhood

Memory of Goldye Harris by Miriam Cohen
Marriage of Rachel Interrante & Ryan Epstein by Phyllis & Marty Mills

WRJ/Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El
Support of WRJ/Sisterhood

Memory of Willie Landau by Margie Landau
Appreciation of Lynn Swartz by Leah Beth Kolni by Denise Siegal
Birthday of Celia Saunders by Denise Siegal by Barbara Stone

BUILDING and CEMETERY

Rose Marion & Lee H. Berg Building Fund
Ukeep and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Ben M. Ablon by Morton Rachofsky
Memory of Alexander E. Brodsky by Cynthia Schneider MD & James Brodsky MD
Memory of Rose Baer Drilling by Essenfeld Family
Memory of Denna S. Ely by Morton Rachofsky

Memory of Saul Sonny Essenfeld by Essenfeld Family
Memory of Selwyn B. Heller by Morton Rachofsky
Memory of Helen Ann Hurst by Jack & Louise Bell by Irwin & Jill Rose
Memory of Pauline G. Kress by Morton Rachofsky
Memory of Eugene Levin by Joan Essenfeld by Susan R. Hoffman by Adrienne & Thomas Rosen by Neal & Cheryl Small
Memory of Vernon Lotman by Sondie Rosenthal
Memory of Mother of Robert Lovell by Barbara Presser
Memory of Anna Raffkind by Barbara Presser
Memory of Orlene Ray Roth by Morton Rachofsky
Memory of Jack M. Rothenberg by Susan D. Kaminsky
Memory of Mother of Richard Schindler by Abe & Roslyn Katz
Memory of Ida Schlesinger by Jerry Ely
Memory of Milton M. Toub by Joe & Beverly Goldman
Memory of Jacques Weil by Joe & Beverly Goldman
Memory of Sol Weinberger by Susan R. Hoffman by Morton Rachofsky
Memory of Trelma Wolf by J. M. & Nickey Gilbert
Contribution by Jay & Joan Beck
Honor of Ruth Lurie by Rabbi Michelle Werner
Speedy recovery of Ida Strasnick by Ms. Betty D Sher

Cemetery Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple Foundation supporting cemetery grounds

Memory of Irving L. Goldberg by Julie & Michael Lowenberg
Memory of Elsa Neuwirth by Stanley & Susan Schwartz
Birthday of Pauline Graivier by Lois Wolf

Klein Garden Fund
Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Eugene Levin by Marjorie Cowin
Memory of Mike Levy by Steve & Joanne Levy
Memory of George L. Phillips by Marjorie Cowin
Memory of Ida Schlesinger by Nancy & Richard Fincher by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig
Memory of Marvin Yost by Perry & Lynda Kaufman

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Fund
Beautification and improvements at the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Austin Theodore Fitzjarrell by Barry & Carol Sobol
Memory of Helen Ann Hurst by Ellen & Ira Hessel
Memory of Jack M. Rothenberg by Helen Lansburgh
Memory of Ida Schlesinger by Helen Stern
Memory of Arno Weinstein by Gerardo & Helga Weinstein
Memory of Michael Alan Wolf by Lois Wolf

GENERAL

General Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple Foundation supporting Temple’s programs

Memory of Florine Lane by Joan Becker
Memory of Shari Sears by Scott & Richard Miller
Marriage of Bethany Packham & Cameron Markey by Robin Kosberg & Mark Washofsky
Speedy recovery of Helen Risch by Bobbi & Richard Massman

Cemetary Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple Foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of cemetery grounds

Memory of Irving L. Goldberg by Julie & Michael Lowenberg
Memory of Ida Neuwirth by Stanley & Susan Schwartz
Birthday of Pauline Graivier by Lois Wolf

Klein Garden Fund
Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Eugene Levin by Marjorie Cowin
Memory of Mike Levy by Steve & Joanne Levy
Memory of George L. Phillips by Marjorie Cowin
Memory of Ida Schlesinger by Nancy & Richard Fincher by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig
Memory of Marvin Yost by Perry & Lynda Kaufman

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman Endowment Fund
Supports the maintenance of Temple’s building

Memory of Jack M. Rothenberg by Elisa & Steve Reiter and Lea Felts
Memory of Ann Helen Zimmerman by Sheldon & Judith Zimmerman

ADULT LEARNING

Katherine F Baum Adult Education Fund
Fund providing for an annual adult education class

Memory of Cecilia Pugatch Brodsky by Cynthia Schneider MD & James Brodsky MD
Birthday of Lester Baum by Barbara J Brin by Peggy & Dave Millheiser
Conversion of Tara Powell by Susan D. Kaminsky

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics Symposium Endowment Fund
Supporting the annual ethics symposium

Memory of Barney Aronoff by Mimi Aronoff
Memory of Simon Goodman by Mimi Aronoff

David B. Shalom Religious Education Fund
Financial assistance for religious education of Temple members

Memory of David B. Shalom by Helene Shalom
Birth of Sarah Stern by Anjelica Ruiz

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Fund
Supporting literacy projects in the Jewish and general communities

Memory of Lois Bernstein by Mark & Lynn Bernstein
Memory of Bella Bernstein Bloom by Jacque & Freddy Roberts
Opening Up to the Stranger
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on that feeling—reaching out a hand with an open heart and a generous spirit.

The room was silent. It was a silence of knowing, for every person in the room has felt like a stranger—embracing a divergent path than the one in which they grew up; explaining to their family that they are in love with someone of a different religion; walking into a synagogue for the very first time.

In our celebration of Passover this month, the commandment to reach out a hand to the stranger becomes all the more essential. The foundation of this holiday—based in the story of our Exodus from Egypt—reminds us to open our door (literally!) to friends, new and old, family and extended family. We are to feel empathy for the stranger, and then to act on this feeling, drawing people into an ever-expanding circle of friendship and connection.

Rabbi Erica Brown beautifully notes: “A stranger is a human construct, not a divine one. We decide to make people close to us or to make them distant. We decide who to let into our world and who to keep away. Sometimes, a stranger is just someone you haven’t said hello to yet.”

During Passover and beyond, there are numerous opportunities at Temple to cultivate this sense of generosity and welcome.

We hope you have embraced our “Be Our Guest” program for Passover and hosted a visitor or two for seder (there’s still time, see www.tedallas.org/passover_for_details.) Greet people coming to services on Shabbat. Mentor a conversion student. Visit a patient in the hospital. Volunteer to bring people together in a Sh’ma Group.

May this holiday bring you blessings and promise, as you transition from mitzrayim, the narrow spaces, into the fullness of creating friends from strangers.
STARRING SHIRA GINSBURG
SUNDAY, APRIL 12
TOBIAN AUDITORIUM

DON’T MISS THIS EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL PRODUCTION ABOUT A YOUNG WOMAN’S CHILDHOOD IN A FAMILY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. YOU WILL LAUGH. YOU WILL CRY. YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

6pm BUBBY’S BITES: JEWISH COMFORT FOOD
7pm PERFORMANCE, DESSERT RECEPTION AND Q&A
$36 BITES + PERFORMANCE
$20 PERFORMANCE ONLY

REGISTER PARTICIPATE.TEDALLAS.ORG/BUBBYSKITCHEN
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POLLMAN PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

Honoring Cantor Richard and Marsha Cohn

Save the date for a special service of gratitude, celebration and farewell, followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner.

Friday, May 15 • 6:15PM • Olan Sanctuary