Rethinking Sundays

Olan Sanctuary is full and it's a sea of bright colors. People are chatting excitedly, catching up after the summer. The bimah is empty and Rabbi Stern’s voice booms over the din, “Are you tired of having to drag your child out of bed on Sunday mornings? Youth Learning + Engagement has created a new program just for you. Welcome to Masa! Let the journey begin...” The music of Pharrell William’s “Happy” fills the sanctuary and more than 40 teenagers run onto the bimah and dance joyfully. As they exit, the faculty members run up, followed by the clergy and the Youth Learning + Engagement (YL+E) staff team. The sanctuary fills with applause as together we kick off the inaugural year of a brand new learning and engagement experience for our families. (Check out the dance for yourself on facebook.com/tedallasyle.)

No longer will our students sit in the same desk for two hours on a Sunday morning next to someone whose name they don’t know. No longer will they be a part of the age-old rhetoric: “My parents forced me to go and I hated it, I’m going to force you to go and you’ll hate it.” The new (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18)
Eight Nights to Remember

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH IN A FUN-FILLED WEEK!
TEDALLAS.ORG/8NIGHTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 6
First Candle. Use our online celebration kit to enhance your family’s observance. Printouts are available at the Reception Desk. tedallas.org/8nights

TUESDAY, DEC. 8, 6PM
NORTH COURT, NORTHPARK CENTER (NEW LOCATION!)
Third Candle and annual NorthPark Hanukkah Concert, featuring the Temple Emanu-El adult choir and Kol Shir youth choir, with Cantors Leslie Niren and Roslyn Barak, and Choir Director Ralph Stannard; made possible by Pollman Performing Arts Programs

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 7PM
CELEBRATION GARDEN
Fourth Candle and Lighting of the Wiener-Sandfield hanukkiyah; this annual tradition by the family of Temple’s architect is open to all.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 6:15PM
OLAN SANCTUARY
Fifth Candle and congregational Hanukkah celebration and dinners; bring your own hanukkiyah and candles.

Adult Dinner | Ta’am 8500
Pollman Hall | $18 per person
Register: participate.tedallas.org/taam8500

Family Dinner | Tobian Auditorium
$18 adults, $10 for children ages 3-10
Register: participate.tedallas.org/hanukkahfamilydinner
Contact for both dinners: Rachel Gross, rgross@tedallas.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 13
Eighth Candle and free family concerts with Sheldon Low (see page 9 for details!)
Brotherhood is sponsoring the 45th annual Christmas Mitzvah program. This important activity provides Christmas Eve and Christmas Day coverage for local health care facilities so that our Christian neighbors can be with their families.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

This year we will be volunteering for the following organizations:

**Christmas Eve**
North Texas Food Bank, Methodist Hospital

**Christmas Day**
Legacy at Preston Hollow, Legacy at Willow Bend, Methodist Hospital, VNA Meals on Wheels

**Contacts:** Tommy Kaye, tommythekaye@gmail.com (NTFB, Methodist, VNA Meals on Wheels); Ivan Edelman, Edelman.ivan@gmail.com (Legacy locations)

**Register:** participate.tedallas.org/christmasmitzvah

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**WISE AGING**

_waking up to the rest of your life_

**WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI RACHEL COWAN**

**FRIDAY, DEC 4**
6:15PM, Shabbat Service, Olan Sanctuary, Union Prayer Book

**SATURDAY, DEC 5**
9AM, Chever Torah Study, Linz Hall
10:30AM, Shabbat Morning Service, Lefkowitz Chapel

**SUNDAY, DEC 6**
9:30AM, Katherine F. Baum Lecture, Linz Hall
A Conversation with Rabbi Rachel Cowan

**CONTACT**
Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

Made Possible by the Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund
December Collection
Spread the Warmth Of a Good Book

December’s social justice collection benefits the Vogel Alcove, which provides free quality child development services for homeless children 6 weeks to age 5. Please bring children’s books appropriate for ages 0-6. These books will be given directly to the children so they can begin building their own libraries.

Other volunteer opportunities include storytime in the classroom; becoming a birthday angel who adopts a class and throws a birthday party for each child; donating clothing and equipment; sharing a special talent such as music or puppetry; working in the warehouse; and adopting a class and assisting weekly or biweekly in that class.

Contact: Marty Mintz, bgmlmintz@sbcglobal.net

Atid Reads:
Wherever You Go by Joan Leegant

Sunday, Dec. 6, 4pm · Rodeo Goat, 1926 Market Center Blvd.

Quench your thirst for good books at Atid’s semi-regular book club. We read Jewish authors, Jewish-themed books and anything else that intrigues us. On Dec. 6, we’re discussing Wherever You Go by Joan Leegant. Set in Israel and New York, this sweeping, beautifully written story speaks of the lengths to which we will go to search for spiritual fulfillment by weaving together the stories of three lives in the grip of a volatile, demanding faith, and ultimately bound together by a tragic act of violence.

RSVP: atid@tedallas.org.

10TH Annual Mitzvahs and Mimosas
Sunday, December 20, 10am

Build connection while building a better world at this meaningful morning of community service in Vickery Meadow and socializing followed by brunch.

Kick-Off
Tobian Auditorium Foyer (meet here and split into carpools for the various projects)

Mitzvah Menu
International Rescue Committee
Holiday and reading party for locally resettled refugee children at Heart House

Pebbles Apartments
Holiday party for residents young and old

Vickery Meadow Food Pantry
Sort donations and stock shelves

Brunch and Mimosas
Linz Hall, following tikkun olam projects

Register: participate.tedallas.org/mitzvahsandmimosas | Contact: Jane Larkin, jlarkin@tedallas.org
Because You Want To: Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Becoming b’nai mitzvah is a big deal—and not just for kids. Temple is offering an 18-month adult b’nai mitzvah experience from January 2016 through May 2017. First up: an eight-week class that includes participation in Shabbat services, attending a Ta’am 8500 dinner and Shabbat Nosh. The program includes Hebrew (current participation in Adult Hebrew meets requirements), prayer and Torah, and the opportunity to do tikkan olam in small groups. All are welcome, even those who have already become bar or bat mitzvah as a child or as adults. Look for more details in Temple communications and on tedallas.org.

Cost: $180, plus additional fees as needed for books and Hebrew instruction (confidential scholarships available)

Register by Jan. 15: participate.tedallas.org/adultbnaimitzvah

Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

The learning involved in becoming Jewish was a labor of love for me. But the b’nai mitzvah class elevated that process to a new level. Becoming bar mitzvah was the sacred work of finding fulfillment as a Jew within a Jewish community.

Charlie Redden, Class of 2004

Praying is Believing

Bring the words off the pages and into your heart.

A new course taught by Rabbi Debra Robbins will explore Shabbat prayers and practice through study, silence, song, journaling and conversation. Called “Prayers and Pray-ers,” it will be offered in six classes plus Shabbat experiences. Participants will learn to cultivate blessings to transform mundane experiences into meaningful moments of connection to others and to God. It’s open to all, and included in the adult b’nai mitzvah experience. No Hebrew skills or prayer expertise is expected!

DATES Sundays Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 28, March 6, April 3 and 17, all 10am-12pm; Shabbat worship and meals, March 4 and April 9

REGISTRATION Advance registration is required: participate.tedallas.org/prayersandpray-ers

FEE $40 (fee includes a Ta’am 8500 dinner), and one additional textbook (confidential scholarships available),

DEADLINE Jan. 15

CONTACT Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org
Jews and Schmooze

If you love Cinema Emanu-El, you will love Cinema Schmooze. Rabbi Zimmerman, an avid film buff, will be showing video clips and leading discussions on three Sundays this winter and spring. All events are free and at 7PM in Linz Hall. RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/cinemaschmooze

Jan. 31
The Soul of the Matter:
Jewish Answers in American Films

March 13
Are We Really that Obnoxious? How Modern Jews Portray Themselves

May 15
The Good, the Bad and the Pushy: Changing Images of Jewish Mothers

WRJ Events

STITCHIN’ SISTERS
Tuesdays, Dec. 1 and 15, 6:30PM, Room 248
This creative group participates in needlework and knitting for personal projects or as needed for Temple.
Contact: Sharon Willey, sharon@txwilley.com

WRJ HANUKKAH PARTY
Monday, Dec. 7, 7PM
Home of Debbi Rothschild
RSVP: Erin Zopolsky, erin.zopolsky@att.net

DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM
Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:00-8:30PM
Muslim American Society Youth Center
1515 Blake Drive, Richardson
The monthly gathering of this interfaith group will discuss planning topics for 2016.
Contact: Leah Beth Kolni, leahbhkolni@gmail.com, 214.801.7463
Shabbat Shalom!

Vayishev
Genesis 37:1-40:23
Friday, Dec. 4
6:15pm, Pollman Hall
Sababa
Rabbi Amy Ross
Max Einsohn

6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Union Prayer Book
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Leslie Niren
Temple Emanu-El Choir
Rabbi Rachel Cowan,
Scholar-in-Residence

Saturday, Dec. 5
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi Rachel Cowan,
Scholar-in-Residence
Shirat HaLev

4:30pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Roslyn Barak
Becoming Bar Mitzvah:
Jake Gellman

Mikeitz
Genesis 41:1-44:17
Friday, Dec. 11
6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Hanukkah Celebration
All Clergy

Saturday, Dec. 12
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Asher Knight
Randy Pearlman

10:30am, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Roslyn Barak
Becoming Bat Mitzvah:
Hannah Peaslee

4:30pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Leslie Niren
Becoming Bar Mitzvah:
Jack Genender

Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27
Friday, Dec. 18
6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, Dec. 19
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Leslie Niren

10:30am, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Roslyn Barak
Becoming Bar Mitzvah:
Aidan Kuntz

Va-ye’chi
Genesis 47:28-50:26
Friday, Dec. 25
6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Roslyn Barak

Saturday, Dec. 26
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Roslyn Barak

Union Prayer Book
Services held at 8:15pm, unless otherwise noted,
in Olan Sanctuary

2015
December 4, 6:15pm with Rabbi Rachel Cowan

2016
January 15
February 12
March 11
April 8, 6:15pm with Choir Appreciation
May 13, with 50-plus dinner before services
TUESDAYS, DEC. 1 & 15
WRJ Stitchin’ Sisters
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Wise Aging
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Scholar-in-Residence
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FEB. 5-7
Shira Kline,
Artist-in-Residence

FEB. 18-21
Rabbi David Lefkowitz Memorial Lecture with Rabbi Kerry Olitzky,
Scholar-in-Residence

Taking Stock
Consider a Gift to Temple for Year-End Donations

Giving appreciated stock to Temple has tax benefits for you. This could be a gift in support of Our Temple | Our Future, Annual Campaign, Temple Endowment, or to pay membership dues.

“When you make a donation with appreciated stock, your tax deduction is the market value of the stock. You don’t pay taxes on any gain in the value of the stock. It’s a double win!” says Temple member and CPA Ira Nevelow.

Please keep Temple in mind as you make your year-end philanthropic decisions. If you would like more information about how to donate stock to Temple, please contact Kristi Hinkamp, Development Director, at khinkamp@tedallas.org.
CELEBRATE HANUKKAH WITH SHELDON LOW
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

SHELDON IS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG STARS IN JEWISH ROCK MUSIC TODAY. HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS EXHILARATING LIVE PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS HIS WORK AS AN INNOVATIVE JEWISH EDUCATOR.

YL + E CONCERTS, OLAN SANCTUARY
K-4TH GRADES 10:55-11:25AM
5TH-8TH GRADES: 11:30AM-NOON
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

ECEC HANUKKAH PARTY
TOBIAN AUDITORIUM
3:30-5:30PM
FEATURING ARTS, CRAFTS, GAMES, FOOD AND MUSIC, WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY SHELDON LOW
In an interview with The Window, Rabbi Robbins shared some reflections gleaned from 25 years of remarkable service to Temple.

**A quarter century, wow! What stands out over 25 years?**
It has to be the amazing people I’ve worked with: the most extraordinary of clergy colleagues, especially my friend and teacher David Stern; the outstanding lay leaders and every congregant. Whether it’s a b’nai mitzvah family, a wedding, a baby naming or a hospital visit, people have been willing to share their lives and hearts with me. In every walk of life and from every profession, our congregants have made themselves available. I could never work at a small congregation without access to so many amazing physical and human resources. It’s such a gift of their lives people have been willing to share, and one of the greatest gifts I never expected to share in my rabbinate.

**Why did you keep saying yes?**
Larry’s unwavering support and Sam’s mostly patient personality has let us grow to be a strong clergy family. And we are so blessed to have an incredible and generous circle of friends. And it’s because this place is such a dynamic place that I have been able to stay. I’ve had lots of different jobs in 25 years; I just haven’t had to pack...

**How have we changed?**
It is amazing to me how much transformation has really taken place. We have transformed not only the institution, but the people in it. As a result of these changes, people are living their lives more deeply as Jews. We have interfaith couples, older members who want a dynamic Judaism, young families who didn’t have this kind of experience growing up all finding a home here. I’m very blessed that Shelly Zimmerman was here when I was looking for a job and saw gifts in me I did not yet see in myself. And the search committee that hired me—it’s so inspiring that these people have remained deeply connected to the congregation. They are still active, involved and still my friends.

In 25 years, Rabbi Debra Robbins has touched the lives of every member of Temple Emanu-El. From leadership roles in the rabbinate to cheering on Larry and Sam to advocating for literacy as board president of Reading Village, Temple’s longest-serving associate rabbi has also built a full, purposeful life while being warmly and wisely present for the congregation. Plus, our agile yogi can do a mean tree pose!
up my books and move my family. It took some time for the congregation to be comfortable with having a long-term associate rabbi. The traditional path that most men had followed was to have two or three pulpits for three to five years each. Over and over again, they packed up their families and disconnected from their communities. I, like other women, didn’t want to fit in to that model. I’m so grateful I’ve been part of a place that has been a leader for our movement in redefining what the role looks like for a longtime associate. Now I hear from people all over the country asking about our experiences. At first it was just women; now it’s men and women.

You are Temple’s third and longest serving female rabbi. In an era where women are leaders in every aspect of Reform Jewish life, what is relevant about that distinction? I remember after I got here, sitting on a bench with Liza Stern and Nancy Kasten in the courtyard, and thinking, ‘This is it.’ We were the only women rabbis in town. Now there’s more than a minyan of women clergy in DFW. That’s incredible. I do think that women have given voice for greater sensitivity for family life and balance, and for parent leave being a priority. Women build webs; we have a very different style of leadership and collaboration and it has been good for our members and our movement to have leaders with a variety of styles.

What advice do you give rabbis just starting out today? Be steeped in Jewish learning. Develop an early and strong practice of caring for yourself and your family. That leads to greater success and more longevity in your rabbinate. Cultivate your curiosity and build a diverse community around yourself.

Tell us about some work you’ve done outside Temple that’s mattered to you. Over the years I have been involved with the CGAR, I really loved planning conventions and serving on the executive committee. Recently I’ve been involved in two book projects and part of the group that launched Mishkan HaNefesh. In 2012, David suggested I participate in the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. At first I didn’t think it was for me. But I found it to be a deep, nourishing Jewish experience. I grew in confidence. I developed a prayer practice, got involved in yoga and meditation. It was really the right time. This really opened for me a wealth of possibilities in my personal and professional spiritual life.

Talk about this more, especially in the context of one who creates spiritual experiences for the congregation and leads us in prayer. The greatest transformation in my prayer life is that I have a personal prayer life now. I’m not just leading prayers for other people. I’m finding ways to use prayer throughout my day, in the ordinary moments, to remind me how fortunate I am. When I walk the dog, I’m grateful for my health and that I can walk, that I have a warm house to come home to. If I’m eating at my desk, I say a motzi and give thanks that I’m fortunate enough to be eating a real meal. I like praying in the congregation, not just leading services. The music we use has really helped me pray more personally. And when I am leading services and find myself lost in a prayer, I have great partners that are leading with me.

What are you proudest of here? Most recently, I’ve been asked to be the clergy liaison for social justice. I wanted to deepen engagement of people here at all ages and stages. We’re making that happen. It’s so gratifying. You see it in Community Movers, in the Community Garden, in Caring Congregation projects, through broadening our partnerships in the community. Our adult learning work is really growing, with our lay and staff partners doing the muscle work. I’m proud that we’ve created a congregation where it’s safe to talk about some of the toughest issues—domestic abuse, alcohol abuse and drug addiction, sexuality. We are a congregation that welcomes everyone and I’m glad I’ve been a part of making us a congregation where interfaith couples feel at home raising their Jewish kids.

You were instrumental in laying the groundwork for interfaith couples being married by Temple clergy. Now it’s almost taken for granted, but it was a sea change in the congregation in the mid-2000s. The clergy team, together with lay leaders, worked hard to embrace different points of view on officiating at interfaith marriage. Each member of the clergy makes that choice for him or herself, but all of us share the same commitments to building Jewish homes and engaging couples in living Jewish lives in our community. It was rolled out carefully, deliberately and lovingly. I’m deeply grateful to Bob Cohan, who raised it when he was President of Temple. And when I see how these marriages have added so richly to life at Temple, I am doubly grateful.

And the next 25 years? I have a book in me. I’d like to do a tripod headstand in yoga. It takes so much strength, balance and control, and it’s so beautiful.
Celebrating 25 Years of Service

Shabbat Va-eira 28 TEVET 5776 | JAN. 8–9, 2016

RABBI DEBRA ROBBINS

Friday, January 8

6:15pm, Shabbat evening Service, Olan Sanctuary
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Carole Balin
Complimentary Shabbat dinner and a mitzvah project following the service

Saturday, January 9

9am Chever Torah, Tycher Gathering Space
Taught by Rabbi Carole Balin

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Lefkowitz Chapel
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Carole Balin

1-3:30pm North Texas Food Bank
Projects in Rabbi Robbins’ honor

REGISTER FOR DINNER
PARTICIPATE AT NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK
VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE EVENT
CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL FUND BENEFITTING ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE
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Becoming B’nai Mitzvah

**Jake Alexander Gellman, Dec. 5**  
Son of Nicole Gellman and Andrew Gellman  
*School:* Alcuin School  
*Tikkun Olam:* North Texas Food Bank

**Aidan Maxwell Kuntz, Dec. 19**  
Son of Julie and Michael Kuntz  
*School:* Shelton School  
*Tikkun Olam:* Vogel Alcove

**Jack Dash Genender, Dec. 12**  
Son of Anice Genender and Wendy and Paul Genender  
*School:* St. Mark’s School of Texas  
*Tikkun Olam:* North Texas Food Bank

**Hannah Clare Peaslee, Dec. 12**  
Daughter of Elizabeth and Chris Peaslee  
*School:* William B. Travis Academy  
*Tikkun Olam:* North Texas Food Bank

Weddings

Leah Helen Greenfield and Luke Hesse Fritz

Kristen Koenig and Gabe Pincus

Sue Mintz and Jim Panipinto

Brett David Ritter and Adam Lee Seidel  
Brett is the son of Steven and Sandra Ritter; Adam is the son of Clifford and Sybil Seidel

Baby Namings

Charlotte Elise Hirsch  
Daughter of Margaret and Brad Hirsch  
Granddaughter of Gayle Johansen and Susan and Larry Hirsch

Liana Israel Markus  
Daughter of Stephen Markus and Evelyn Israel  
Granddaughter of Ellen and Jim Markus

Calem Stuart Reeves  
Son of Karen & Stuart Reeves

Aaron Michael Katz Wainstein  
Son of Michael Wainstein and Brianne Katz

In Memoriam

Morris Atlas  
Father of Lisa Genecov

Lenore Berson  
Mother of Randee Kaplan and Craig Berson

Dr. Stuart Brown  
Father of Candy Goldstein, Sandy Rubin and Barry Brown  
Brother of Josef Brown

Herbert Epstein  
Husband of Beverly Epstein  
Father of Linda Biderman, Janice Leventhal, Bruce Epstein and Mark Epstein  
Brother of Irwin Epstein

LaRue Glazer  
Mother of Larry Glazer

Don Golman  
Brother of Al Golman  
Father of Rick Golman

Lawrence “Bud” Greenwald  
Husband of Helene Greenwald  
Father of Janet Eickmeyer, Sharon Greenwald and Marilyn Greenwald

Barbara Levy  
Mother of Jack M. Levy, Jr. Dr. Jay Berry Levy, Leslie Levy Dryzer and Lauran Levy Goldberg

Dr. Ludwig A. Michael  
Father of Susan Michael and Dr. Andrew J. Michael

Bob Palistrant  
Husband of Bettye Boots Palistrant

Robert “Bobby” Schendle  
Brother of Janet Finegold and James Schendle

Shirley Teich  
Mother of Linda Kasmir, Scott Teich and Tony Teich

Mazel Tov

Dolores G. Barzune, for receiving the Each Moment Matters Award by the Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation.

Steven and Martha Greenberg on the birth of their son, Jack Louis Greenberg, grandson of Jack and Carolea Greenberg.

Tina and Richard Wasserman, on the marriage of their son, Jonathan, to Tania Phattiyaku.
Ready, Set, Aleph Bet!
Adult Hebrew Courses Continue in Spring

Thirty five adult learners have been spending their Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Temple this fall in Hebrew courses. It’s never too late to get started. Join class at one of three levels and fall in love with our ancient, beautiful language. The courses focus on Hebrew for use in the synagogue. They are designed as small group experiences so students can develop relationships with one another. Our goal is for Beginner Hebrew students to be reading blessings by summer, and for Advanced Beginner and Intermediate students to be able to read prayers and consider learning to read from the Torah. Current participation in Hebrew counts toward adult b’nai mitzvah requirements. All classes are from 7-9pm.

Beginning Hebrew  Tuesdays, Jan. 19- April 19

Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Choose which evening is best for you.
Tuesdays, Jan. 19-April 19 OR Thursdays, January 21-April 14

Intermediate Hebrew  Tuesdays, Jan. 19-April 19
Cost: $100 per course, including textbook. Advance registration is required. Confidential scholarship is available.
Register: participate.tedallas.org/beginnerhebrew

Introduction to Judaism

Introduction to Judaism is a 16-week course open to all interested in discovering more about the foundations of Judaism and/or considering conversion. Topics include Jewish history, lifecycles, holidays and prayer, ethics and values, Holocaust, Israel, Jewish arts and culture and American Jewry. The class, taught by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Renée Karp and Robin Kosberg, meets weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan.12 with one Friday night service and one Saturday morning class and service.

Cost: $100 plus books. Required book list: tedallas.org/learning/introduction-to-judaism
Register: participate.tedallas.org/intro-to-judaism
The inaugural YL+E Variety Show showcased Temple's young talent. The 22 acts ranged from hula hoops to violin to singing and dancing. Mazel tov to all for an awesome show!

Hula hoop routine featuring Alexis Hamburger and Zoe Baer. Not pictured: Hailey Baer, Sally Sachs

Joseph Lidji, “London Calling”

Maya Raskin, “Hava Nagila”

Sadie Manaster, “Roar”

The YL+E production team

ECEC Annual Book Fair
Books and Gifts for All Ages • Pollman Hall Foyer

Friday, Dec. 4: 8AM-3PM
Sunday, Dec. 6: 8:30-9:30AM, 11:30AM-1PM
Monday, Dec. 7: 8AM-3PM, 5-6:30PM
Tuesday, Dec. 8: 7:45AM-3PM
Wednesday, Dec. 9: 8AM-3PM
Thursday, Dec. 10: 8AM-3PM
Friday, Dec. 11: 8AM-1PM
COMMUNITY

Dora Aronson Helping Hands Fund
Distributions by Rabbi David Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Sandra & Barry Kronick by Gail Nusinow
Memory of Lenore Berson by Jeanie & Larry Krim
Memory of Bill Colen by Charyl & Randy Colen by Artyce Colen
Memory of Louis Colen by Artyce Colen
Memory of Donald L. Golman by Ellene Breinin
Memory of Barbara Levy by Artyce Colen by Irma & Irwin Grossman
Speedy recovery of Bert Fischel by Marcia Grossfeld

Clergy Good Works Fund
Distributions to charitable organizations, needy individuals, or community causes by Temple’s clergy
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Ronald & Judy Foxman by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Lenore Berson by Craig Berson
Memory of Stuart Brown by Lotty & Peter Casillas
Memory of Isabel Cohen by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Stanley Davidow by Mona Cochrans
Memory of Carl Davis by The Carl & Ruth Davis Family by Sarah & Bruce Davis & Family by The James & Patricia Krohn Family
Memory of Ervin Eatenson by Zel Kahn
Memory of Herbert Epstein by Avrum & Kim Schonwald
Memory of Dorace Fichtenbaum by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Arthur Friedman by Natalie Friedman
Memory of La Rue Glazer by Larry Glazer

Memory of Donald L. Golman by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal by Lynn & Jay Staub by Stanton & Audrey Unell
Memory of Bud Greenwald by Rosie Stromberg
Memory of Gail E. Koppman by Mona Cochrans
Memory of Rita Levin by Marcia Grossfeld
Memory of Ivan Levy by Mona Cochrans
Memory of Barbara Levy by Laurie & Perry Goldberg by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Ludwig Michael by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Diane Pachman by Jerry Pachman
Memory of Bob Palistrant by Joan & Jerome Skibell
Memory of Jeff Phillips by Perry & Lynda Kaufman
Memory of Zoltan Reich by Avrum & Kim Schonwald
Memory of Willy Rossel by Marcia Grossfeld by Buddy & Rita Rosenthal
Memory of Lilli Sommer by Helen & John Stettler
Memory of Fan Wiener by Nancy Marcus
Memory of Eugene Zale by Ethel Zale
Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen by Helene Greenwald
Appreciation of Rabbi Asher Knight by Gary & Beth Kahn by Brett Ritter & Adam Seidel
Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren by Jane & Michael Hurst
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Memory of Rita Levin by Ronald & Judy Foxman
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Memory of Stuart Brown by OriAnn & Jud Phillips
Memory of Barbara Levy by Annette & Jack Corman
Memory of Ludwig Michael by Bob & Lynn Behrendt
Memory of Albert Nemez by Nina Cortell & Bob Fine
Appreciation of Rick Rosenberg by Annette & Jack Corman
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Memory of Natalie Gould by Ida Strasmick
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Memory of Ludwig Michael by Miriam & Max Vernon
Memory of Albert Nemez by Karen & James Reisman
Memory of Richard Rottenstein by Jim Brodsky & Cindy Schneidler
Birthday of Harold Kleinman
by Amanda Kleinman & Daniel Mendelson
Marriage of Randy Pearlman & Jon Schwickhard
by Miriam & Max Vernon
Naming of Jonas Knight
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Y.L.+E emphasizes relationship and community building as an essential part of everything we do. The new Y.L.+E recognizes that the landscape of our lives has changed and the way we connect our children to Judaism must also change.

For centuries, Jews have passed on our tradition l’dor v’dor, from generation to generation. Parents and teachers served as the essential link, ensuring that the most important of Jewish lessons were handed down. Now, our children need only a keyboard and internet connection to find out anything they want to know. No longer

do parents and teachers have to be human encyclopedias—role has been replaced by Siri and Google. Today, we are tasked with inspiring the next generation to Google Jewish, to want to ask Jewish questions, to explore their connection to the Jewish community, and most importantly, to live active and fulfilling Jewish lives.

I often say that it is not an excellent lesson on Hanukkah that will bring our children back to the Jewish community as adults. Rather, it is the relationships they build and the connections they make to their peers, teen role models, teachers, clergy and community. Even so, the lesson on Hanukkah, and bequeathing our tradition to our children, is still of the greatest import. So how do we walk this tight rope of learning and engagement? How do we ensure that our students find their Jewish voice and feel comfortable using it?

Come visit us on a Sunday morning and see how we inspire our students. Watch students in the cutting-edge new art studio work together to build a model of the Second Temple. Walk upstairs and see our inspirational teenagers leading activities they wrote, teaching students Jewish values through art projects, games, performance arts and media. Stop into a classroom and see our students engaging in experiential and relational learning, guided by our incredible YL+E faculty. Stand outside one of our social halls to see our students learning Hebrew, singing joyfully, learning about ancient and modern Jewish life through a simulated game based on a video game or TV show, or simply having a good time being together. And if you missed the YL+E Variety Show, where 22 performers shared their talents, don’t worry; another one is already in the works!

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Eight Nights to Remember

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