When a child is born, the new parents almost immediately begin to imagine the various milestones that this child will one day reach. We picture our children learning to talk and to walk, celebrating their first or fifth birthdays, making a best friend, starting school, graduating, getting married, and one day maybe even having children of their own. For Jewish parents, many of us envision our child one day becoming a bar or a bat mitzvah. I certainly did when my son, Adam, was born 13 years ago. And, then, before long, here we were—preparing for his bar mitzvah and, finally, celebrating it just a few weeks ago, on November 4.

As you can imagine, over my many years of cantorial work, I have taken part in hundreds of b’nai mitzvah ceremonies. Each has been special and I often find myself deeply moved by the teaching of the bar mitzvah, the sentiments expressed by the parents, or by simply witnessing the confidence displayed by the young adult, who only a few months before could not imagine leading the service or chanting Torah. It is possible to think that given my vast experience with b’nai mitzvah, I knew exactly what to expect as a parent. After all, I’ve taken so many children and parents through this journey; I have an intimate knowledge of the process; I know all of the prayers; I understand what’s expected of the students and their parents and what the service can and should look like.

And yet, I quickly learned that I didn’t know what to expect as a parent on this journey. I couldn’t have anticipated the degree to which I would be worried about my child learning everything there is to learn or keeping up with school work and activities, or the many details associated with the weekend. I had to constantly remind myself what I remind all of the parents with whom I am privileged to be on this journey as their cantor: Trust the process, keep your eye on what’s really important, be true to yourself, be present for your child’s experience.

I thought that I was fully prepared for the power of the bar mitzvah day, but when it finally arrived, it left me breathless. Watching my child lead the service with confidence and excitement, teach the congregation with wisdom and depth, sing his heart out and espouse the values which we have spent 13 years instilling in him—all of these sacred moments left me feeling hopeful about the future. One of my favorite moments in every bar or bat mitzvah service is passing the Torah from generation to generation and, eventually, to the bar mitzvah. It’s a symbolic reenactment of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and of passage of the wisdom of our tradition. In the case of my family, this passage of the Torah happened on the Shabbat closest to the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, which marked the demise of Jewish education and observance for Jews in the Soviet Union, including for my family, which remained in Ukraine until 1992. Yet, here was my family 100 years after the Revolution: grandparents coming up for their very first aliya (blessing of the Torah); parents reading Torah; and finally, grandchild putting on a tallit, holding the Torah with tears of joy streaming down his face, and reading Torah. Adam was the first 13-year-old to become a bar mitzvah in our family in at least four generations. What a magnificent testament to the enduring power of Judaism against all odds! What a beautiful reminder of the potential for each new bar mitzvah to be the flame that keeps the fire of our tradition burning brightly!

The circumstances surrounding my family’s bar mitzvah may be different from those in your family, but they are certainly not singular; nor unique in their impact. Every time a young person accepts the honor and the responsibility of becoming a bar or bat mitzvah, it is a testament to the power and wisdom of our 5778-year-old tradition and a promise of its future potential. And, it is also a small miracle—a miracle no less powerful than the one, which we celebrate during Hanukkah. A miracle which illumines our souls and brings more light into what can easily feel like a dark world. A miracle of Jewish continuity, of the next generation stepping up to carry forward the values which have helped to make the world a better place for us, for generations past, and for generations yet unborn.
Prayers & Pray-ers

RETURNS IN 2018

Have you ever found yourself moved by a Jewish worship service and wanted to know more? Jewish prayer has its own powerful language. Learning about the structure of individual prayers helps us take charge of our own spiritual lives.

Ultimately the goal of prayer is not to translate a word but to translate the self; not to render an ancient vocabulary in modern terminology but to transform our lives into prayers.

–Abraham Joshua Heschel

This class, led by Rabbi Debra Robbins, explores the structure of the service; studies Shabbat prayers for deeper understanding; and teaches personal prayer practices for daily life. It also includes ways for participants to connect with one another and more deeply engage in the life of Temple.

DATES

Sunday classes 10am-12pm, Linz Hall: Jan. 7, 14, 28; Feb. 4, 25 and Shabbat dinner on Jan. 26

Cost: $40

Register: participate.tedallas.org/prayersandpray-ers

Contact: Rachel Gross, rgross@tedallas.org

DRESSING THE PART

Meadows Museum tour featuring “Jacob and His Twelve Sons” Exhibit

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 7PM

Meadows Museum of Art, 5900 Bishop Blvd.

Facilitated by Rabbi Debra Robbins and Nancy Cohen Israel, Temple member, art historian, educator, writer and curator

This exhibit tour will focus on how Spanish master Francisco de Zurbarán used the biblical text Genesis 49 as a guide to representing Jacob and his 12 sons. From attire to mannerisms, each son is reflective of Jacob’s final blessings. The paintings, from Auckland Castle in England, total 13 canvases and represent the first time a Zurbarán series has been presented in its entirety in the United States. We will also look at earlier works on paper that inspired Zurbarán’s paintings as well as the original biblical texts that are the ultimate inspiration.

Free of charge | RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/museumtour
OUR COMMUNITY

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Michele, Scott, Ashley, Avery and Aiden Aronson
Susan & Bill Behrendt
Lesley Bogdanow, Matthew, Ayla, and Noa Epstein
Jessica Briggs, Kade Clark and Addyson Mannon
Shelby and Scott Busse
Jeffrey, Kim and Morgan Chapman
Scott, Stacy, Jack and Ben Ettinger
Corey, Sherilyn and Nadin Fox
Randy, Cindy and Jake Goldman
Leah Guskin
Dianna Hart
Gayle, Mark and Jackie Johnson
Erin, Nate, Jacob and Micah Karlin
Sarah Keys
Nancy, Jamie and Samuel Kleinman
Hervey and Madge Levin
Jocelyn Benson, Jordan and Greyson Licht
Shahar, Tali and Mattan Machtuf
Michael and Tina Novick
Jeff and Jill Robinson
Neil, Lisa and Bennett Rosfsky
Emily Rosenblom
Emily, Eric and Bex Salzer
Shari Schlahter
Paul, Jocelyn, Shanen and Megan Silverman
Richter Sundeen
Molly, Max and Sidney Szerlip
Diana Telesca
Tessa, Niraj and Dev Thapa
Sheryl Walsh
Steve, Rachel, Eli and Aaron Walsh
David, Michelle, Sophia and Michael Wilner
Ronnie Shalev, Benjamin, Avia and Elan Winski
Laura and Frank Zaber III
Eric and Sophie Zuckerman

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BABY NAMINGS

Emma Lyn Hurwitz
Daughter of Whitney and Brandon Hurwitz

Ella Tatumb Sandler
Daughter of Darryn and Micall Sandler
Granddaughter of OriAnn and Jud Phillips
Granddaughter of Frada and Alan Sandler

William Grant Strumwasser
Son of Brett and Kimberlee Strumwasser
Grandson of Ilene and Steve Sanders

WEDDINGS

Elaina Atkinson and Ted Linzy
Carly Litman and Scott Goldman
Rachel Nelson and Travis Carlile
Alexandra Null and Alex Horn
Samantha Simons and James Asch
Jennifer Unterberg and Sara Danish

To Dr. Roy and Ragen S. Elterman, upon the establishment of a distinguished chair in their honor at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

MAZEL TOV

BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

Aubrey Leigh Adair
Dec. 30
Daughter of Julie Lipman
Shelton School
Tikkun Olam: East Lake
Pet Orphanage and White Rock Lake clean-up

Elle-Rose Marcus Levy
Dec. 2
Daughter of Brett and Lester Levy
Shelton School
Tikkun Olam: Tot Shabbat

Raphael Cox
Dec. 23
Son of Shana Cohen and Rupert Cox
Stratford College, Dublin

Meg Steinhart
Dec. 16
Daughter of Meredith and Barry Steinhart
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Vogel Alcove

Sarina Israel
Dec. 2
Daughter of Nancy and Solomon Israel
Ann and Nate Levine Academy
Tikkun Olam: Becky’s Horse
Rescue, VNA Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Jewish Family Service

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“The Talk”
That Can Change Your Life

Talking about death is hard. And it matters. Temple wants to help get these conversations started before a medical emergency occurs. Make plans to participate in The Conversation Project, an important series about communicating your end-of-life wishes. Beginning January 2018.

Session 1: Have You Had The Talk?

Evening Program
January 17 | 7-9 pm | Linz Hall

The Conversation Project is an organization devoted to helping people share wishes with their loved ones for end-of-life care. The conversations are designed for people of all ages to communicate what matters most to them. The session is facilitated by Dr. Bob Fine, Temple member and Clinical Director, Office of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care at Baylor Scott and White Health.

Morning Program for YL+E Parents
January 28 | 9:45 am-12 pm
This parent education forum sensitively explores how to talk to your loved ones about the unthinkable. Also facilitated by Dr. Bob Fine.

Session 2: The Jewish Dimension
February 21 | 7-9 pm | Linz Hall
A panel of spiritual leaders and medical professionals will discuss bringing spirituality and Jewish values into end-of-life conversations.

Session 3: The Conversation Project Starter Kit
April 4 | 7-9 pm | Linz Hall
Harriet Warshaw, Executive Director of The Conversation Project, provides how-tos for opening up the dialogue that can make all the difference.

Session 4: Let’s Get Legal
May 10 | 7-9 pm | Linz Hall
A panel of experts offers help in advanced care planning and navigating the legal implications of end-of-life desires.
COMMUNITY

SAVE the DATE

Community Sisterhoods Lunch
It’s Temple’s turn to host this annual event!

Sunday, January 7 | 1PM
Tobian Auditorium

This year’s speaker is Jack Repp, who will reflect on his experiences in the Holocaust. His recently published book, “Dreams & Jealousy,” will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome.

Cost: $20 for kosher lunch
RSVP: tesisterhood.org/brunch

BROTHERHOOD

Monthly Meeting & Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 6 | Linz Hall
6:15PM Dinner | 7PM Program

Reviving Oak Cliff
This month’s discussion, presented by Barak Epstein, will focus on reclaiming and reusing historic spaces in Oak Cliff. Barak is co-founder of the Oak Cliff Film Festival and operator of the Texas Theatre.

RSVP: Jeremiah Ross, mrjeremiahross@gmail.com

EVENTS

Stitchin’ Sisters
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30-8:30PM, Room 131
Stitchers, quilters, knitters unite! Work on personal projects or group projects to donate. Contact: Sharon Willey, sharon@txwilley.com

Hanukkah Potluck Dinner
Thursday, Dec. 14, 7-9PM, Linz Hall
Bring your hanukiyyah and four candles to celebrate at the Hanukkah party. There will be Israeli dancing, mahjong, bridge, Scrabble and other games. WRJ will provide brisket for all. Those with last names starting with A-G are asked to bring vegetable sides; H-L breads, chips, dips, fruit trays and gelled salads; M-O: salads; P-T: desserts; U-Z: main dish. Please bring a new book for Vickery Meadow children’s book drive.
RSVP: judaic@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000, ext. 105
Contact: Sharon Willey, sharon@txwilley.com

Mahjong Meet-Up
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6-8PM, Room 133
All skill levels are welcome. Please bring your own mahjong set and card.
Cost: $5 for snacks.
RSVP: Celia Saunders, celiasaunder18@gmail.com or 214.502.1902

Daughters of Abraham
Thursday, Dec. 21, 7-8:30PM, MAS Islamic Center, 1515 Blake Drive, Richardson
Daughters of Abraham is an interfaith discussion group. It seeks to enhance understanding of the spiritual and cultural similarities and differences among the three faith communities.
Topics for 2018 will be decided at this meeting.
Contact: Leah Beth Kolni, leahbkolni@gmail.com, 214.801.7463

Open Call for Gardeners
The Temple Emanu-El Garden Committee is seeking Master Gardeners, experienced gardeners and novices who are interested in volunteering their time in the Jill Stone Community Garden at Temple.

Gardeners meet Sunday mornings at 9AM. All produce goes to the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry.
To get involved or to learn more, contact Deidra Cizon at dbcizon@swbell.net
MAZEL TOV! NOW WHAT?

GOIN’ TO THE delivery room

Becoming a parent is exciting, joyous, awe-inspiring and sometimes just plain terrifying. For all the highs and a few lows, Temple is there for you. In a new class beginning Jan. 21, Goin’ to the Delivery Room, new and expectant parents will have the opportunity to explore the roles and responsibilities of parents in Jewish life.

The class is facilitated by Rachel Utley and three Temple rabbis with young children, Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Amy Ross and Rachel’s husband, Daniel Utley. Participants will learn about Jewish parenting and child-rearing rituals in a small group environment which fosters community and connection through learning, conversation and a shared Shabbat experience. Whether this is your first child or an addition to a growing household, join us to discuss the Jewish home and Shabbat, bedtime rituals, mindfulness and Jewish values.

This five session class is free. Space is limited to 12 couples. Infants welcome.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/goin-to-the-delivery-room
Contact: jlarkin@tedallas.org for childcare reservations for older children.

All sessions at Temple at 9 AM in rooms 133/135 except for Feb. 24
Jan. 21 • Feb. 4 • Feb. 11 • Feb. 24 (5 PM, Havdalah at private home) • Mar. 4

DOUBLE MITZVAH

47th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MITZVAH

Brotherhood, Women of Reform Judaism and the Service Projects Committee of Temple have teamed up this year for the mitzvah program, which provides holiday coverage for local health care facilities so that our Christian neighbors can be with their families.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Jewish Family Service

WRJ Sandwich Drive: Drop off chips and bagged sandwiches for Austin Street Shelter with Rachelle Weiss Crane from 8-9 AM in the Michaels Parking Lot adjacent to Lefkowitz Chapel. For detailed instructions on making the sandwiches, visit teisterhood.org/volunteer-opportunities.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Crystal Creek at Preston Hollow • Legacy at Willow Bend • VNA Meals on Wheels

Register: participate.tedallas.org/christmasmitzvah

Contacts: Brotherhood, Tommy Kaye, tommythekaye@gmail.com
WRJ: Rachelle Weiss Crane, benjbuddy@aol.com

Mussar for Millennials

Preview on Dec. 6, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ackerman Conference Room

Rabbi Daniel Utley is leading a Mussar va’ad, or supportive learning community, for six weeks beginning Jan. 16. Curious?

Mussar is the practice of Jewish mindfulness and ethics in daily living. It has been adapted from an ancient practice and reinterpreted for today. New groups are always forming. This year, Youth Learning + Engagement introduced A Taste of Mussar for Parents.

Rabbi Utley’s va’ad will be specifically tailored to the interests and life experiences of millennials.

Costs: $36 for six week course. Free for the preview on Dec. 6

Register: participate.tedallas.org/atidmussar
Contact: Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org
Shabbat Shalom

Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43

Friday, Dec. 1
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Vicky Glikin

6:15pm, Olan Sanctuary
Union Prayer Book
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Leslie Niren
Temple Emanu-El Choir

Saturday, Dec. 2
9am, Pollman Hall
Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Amy Ross

10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Leslie Niren

10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bat Mitzvah: Sarina Israel

Va-yigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27

Friday, Dec. 15
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Vicky Glikin

Saturday, Dec. 16
10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bat Mitzvah: Meg Steinhart

Vayeishev
Genesis 37:1-40:23

Friday, Dec. 8
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Vicky Glikin

Saturday, Dec. 9
10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Vicky Glikin

Va-y’chi
Genesis 47:28-50:26

Friday, Dec. 29
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, Dec. 30
10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren
Bat Mitzvah: Aubrey Adair

Two Services, One Community
Services featuring the Union Prayer Book will be held at 6:15pm in Olan Sanctuary on the Shabbatot of Dec. 1. Congregational services are also being held at the same time in Stern Chapel. The entire community is invited to gather for joint Oneg Shabbat celebrations in Tycher Gathering Space before and after services.

Sha-Bags and More for Shabbat
Shabbat is family time and Temple provides many paths for families to experience the joy of the Jewish day of rest and renewal. Be sure to check out the new Sha-Bags, bags filled with activities for kids that are available for use during services. A basket of books is perched near the Stern Chapel entrance for those who love to read (pictures and words!). Children are invited to the bimah for kiddush and motzi every week, and for a birthday blessing along with the congregation on the fourth Friday of the month. For moments when they’d be more comfortable outside the service, childcare is available in Room 118. Family-focused services of Tot Shabbat, Sababa and 3-6 Grades are also held periodically; watch Temple communications for dates.

Access Update
We strive to make every Shabbat service meaningful and comfortable for all of our members. This includes providing hearing assistance and large-print prayerbooks for use in the service. We have also earmarked special spots for those using walkers and wheelchairs, plus their companions. Please be mindful of Fire Marshal regulations and do not use aisles for wheelchairs.
Community is everything. Whether we’re celebrating a century of life, congratulating a bar or bat mitzvah, giving thanks for great friends or helping neighbors get back on their feet, we will always be here for one another.
HANUKKAH 2017

lights fantastic
Spin the dreidel. Bless the candles. Rock (of Ages) it. Eat some latkes.

HANUKKAH 2017 HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

**Tuesday, Dec. 12**
Watch Temple’s Facebook page for nightly Hanukkah-themed videos featuring food, art and ugly sweaters. Do you recognize these people? Need help lighting the menorah at home? See tedallas.org/8nights for a quick how-to on lighting the candles and a video of our cantors singing the blessings. Printouts of the blessings are available at the Mankoff Reception Area at Temple.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13**
Community Candlelighting at Temple
7 PM | Celebration Garden, Pollock Courtyard
Gather with the Wiener-Sandfield family to light the outdoor hanukkiyah. This annual tradition by the family of the late Max Sandfield, one of Temple’s architects, is open to everyone. A reception will follow in Tycher Gathering Space.

**Thursday, Dec. 14**
Hanukkah Concert at NorthPark Center
6 PM | North Court
Sing the blessings and sing along with our cantors, the Temple Emanu-El Choir and the Kol Shir Youth Choir. They will perform a lively mix of contemporary and classical Hanukkah melodies. Afterwards, head back to Temple for the WRJ Hanukkah Potluck Dinner, details on page 6.

**Friday, Dec. 15**
6:15 PM | Olan Sanctuary
Bring your hanukkiyot and candles from home and light them during the service, then join the fun at the Ta’am 8500 Hanukkah dinner. Enjoy “The Filling Station” where you can create your own sufganiyot (doughnuts), a selfie station, social justice project, Kol Shir Youth Choir performance and more.

**Saturday, Dec. 16**
Host family or friends for a festive dinner.
How many different kinds of latkes can you make? If you are looking for inspiration, check out our recipes, dreidel tips and decorating ideas on tedallas.org/8nights.

**Sunday, Dec. 17**
3 PM | Tobian Auditorium
Have some together time and enjoy a family-themed immigration movie as Cinema Emanu-El presents “An American Tail.” Meet Fievel Mousekewitz, who emigrates from Russia to the U.S. by boat. Sufganiyot served and Rabbi Daniel Utley will lead the sixth night Hanukkah blessings. Suggested donation: $5 per family.

**Monday, Dec. 18**
It’s Winter Break time and that’s something to sing about. Check out our collection of catchy Hanukkah songs on tedallas.org/8nights and you, too, will have Hanukkah jingle earworms. You’re welcome.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**
Be sure to include social justice in your holiday week. During the month of December, bring diapers to Temple (and to the Ta’am 8500 dinner on Dec. 15).
The Temple Development Committee has been reconstituted, with Greg Gerstenhaber as chair. The committee will spend the next few months supporting the Annual Campaign and helping to define and build a strong culture of philanthropy at Temple. It is hoping to report findings to the Board of Trustees in Summer 2018. “We have long talked about the opportunity to take development to the next level at Temple,” Greg says. “We are excited to create a formal committee. The time is right. We have great momentum. We are searching for a new development director, and we feel like there is great opportunity to achieve more.”

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**Making Temple Possible: Annual Campaign**

The 2017 Annual Campaign, with this year’s theme of “Making Temple Possible,” is off to a fantastic start, with nearly $500,000 in pledges by Window press time, from 323 households. The committee is hoping to top the $1 million mark for the first time ever, and has created a cohort structure to sprint to the finish line. Under the leadership of 2017 chairs Stacy and Chuck Butler and with the help of incoming chair Debbie Andres, five teams have been created. When your team calls you, listen and thank them for their time on behalf of Temple!

30s: Flauren Bender and Sara Gail
40s: Paul Genender and Marc Sachs
50s: Betsy Kleinman and Michael Hurst
60s: Judi Ratner and Mark Zilbermann
70s: Gayle Johansen, Joni and Robert Cohan

**Donating Appreciated Stock**

With the stock markets at record highs, this may be an ideal time to fund your gifts to Temple. Annual Campaign Chair Chuck Butler explains: “Giving appreciated stock that you have held for more than a year can be better than giving cash as you can take a charitable donation for the fair market value of the stock on the day you give it away, and you avoid tax liability for the increased value.” This is an option for the Annual Campaign and for our generous donors to Our Temple | Our Future who may want to expedite their payments from appreciated stock transfers.

MEET THE TEAM The Development Committee and Annual Campaign cohort chairs, are poised to take development to the next level. Top row: Debbie Andres, 2018 Annual Campaign chair; Sara Gail, Judi Ratner, Greg Gerstenhaber. Bottom row: Marcia Grossfeld, Gayle Johansen, Betsy Kleinman, Joni Cohan, Mark Sachs, Chuck Butler

For more information on end-of-year giving, donating stock or Making Temple Possible Annual Campaign, contact Executive Director Rick Rosenberg, rrosenberg@tedallas.org.
ADULT LEARNING

Judaism, Pleased to Meet You

There is never a bad time to get reacquainted with the foundations of Judaism or to discover them for the first time. Introduction to Judaism is a 16-week course open to lifelong Jewish learners and/or those 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 Daniel Utley, Renée Karp and Robin Kosberg, meets weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning January 16, with one Friday night service and one Saturday morning class and service.

Cost: $100, plus books. The book list will be sent upon registration.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/intro-to-judaism

Contact: Rachel Gross, 214.706.0000 ext. 131, rgross@tedallas.org

HEBREW
Not Just for Kids

Why should our b’nai mitzvah students have all the fun of learning Hebrew? Adult learners need some aleph bet in their lives too! Temple adult Hebrew classes resume on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm, January 16-May 1. Start fresh or continue on your path with three courses focusing on Hebrew for synagogue use. The goals include feeling more confident about participating in services and eventually reading from the Torah.

Beginner Hebrew: learn the alphabet and begin to read basic Hebrew prayers.

Advanced Beginner Hebrew: Know your letters? Get ready to build on our basic understanding and take on some Hebrew grammar.

Intermediate Hebrew: In addition to prayer book Hebrew, Intermediate will guide students to read, understand, and translate selections from the Torah.

Cost: $100 per course for members, and $125 per course for non-members.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/adulthebrew

Contact: Rachel Gross, rgross@tedallas.org

BOOK CLUBS

Temple Book Club
Monday, Dec. 4 | 2pm | Ackerman Conference Room
“The Bridal Chair,” by Gloria Goldreich
Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

Lunch and Literature with Rabbi Debra Robbins
Thursday, Dec. 14 | 12-1:30pm | Linz Hall
We will read “Touch” by West Bank Palestinian author Adania Shibli in its entirety. A copy is available in the Weisberg Library or for purchase.
RSVP for lunch: Diana Hall, dhall@tedallas.org

Brotherhood Israel Book Club
First Saturdays following Shabbat morning service and Shabbat Nosh, Tycher Gathering Space
Contact: Robert Epstein, macabee1948@aol.com

Mussar
Mussar has been a transformational practice in the lives of many Temple members. It’s a centuries-old Jewish study aimed at personal growth through the exploration of middot, or character traits. New groups are always forming, and a minimum of six people is needed to begin.
Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

TORAH and TALMUD

Chever Torah
Shabbat mornings | 9AM | Linz Hall
Weekly Torah study led by Temple clergy, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman and lay teachers

Talmud with Rabbi David Stern
Dec. 27; January 3 | 7:30-8:30AM | Linz Hall
Start your year in this learning session focused on the Talmud and its relevance today.

Talmud on Sunday Mornings
Dec. 3, 10 | 10AM-12PM | Room 131
This lay-led study group explores the tractate Sanhedrin on Sundays when YL+E is in session.
Contact: Mel Klein, mel@melklein.com, 214.394.1817

Torah from the Beginning
Dec. 3, 10 | 10-11:30AM | Room 130
Explore the Torah in small group learning that has spanned two decades and three Torah cycles. On Dec. 3, Rabbi Debra Robbins will teach about classical Torah commentaries. Contact: Michael Selz, mselz1@gmail.com
CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Congregation

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

Memory of Bill Colen
by Artyce Colen

Memory of Iva Hochstien
by Barbara & Donald Zale

Birthday of Sharan Goldstein
by Ellene Breinin

Birthday of Lynn Goldstein
by Ellene Breinin

Speedy Recovery of
Barbara Zale
by Lester V. Baum

Clergy Good Works Fund
Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple’s clergy

Memory of Steve Boatman
by Marla H. Bane & Michael L. Benson

Memory of Elayne Brown
by Marcie & Michael Brown

Memory of Louise Gartner
by Gigi Gartner

Memory of Frances Glazer
by Rose & Dr. Brian Cohen
by Elizabeth F. Cross
by Bobbie Fields
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Memory of Harriet Gold
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Memory of Stanley J. Golman by Stanley M. Peskind by Celia & Larry Schoenbrun by Helaine Trachtenberg
Memory of Fannie T. Greene by Helaine Trachtenberg
Memory of Dr. Sol Kutler by Susan & Abe Plough
Memory of Leslie Levy by Marjorie L. Landau
Memory of Doris Metz by Shirley K. Haspel
Memory of Dick Polakoff by Bobbi & Richard Massman
Memory of Rose Louise Berg Rosner by Helaine Trachtenberg
Memory of Isaac "Ike" Trachtenberg by Helaine Trachtenberg
Memory of Bradley Wayne by Sue Wayne-Stauss
Anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. Joel Steinberg by Peachy Rudberg
Appreciation of Marilyn & Ron Fiedelman by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen
Appreciation of Barbara & Stan Rabin by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen
Appreciation of Phyllis & Ron Steinhart by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Leybovich-Glikin by Nancy Ungerman
Birthday of Myron Schwartz by Ynette & Jim Hogue
Birthday of Jacqueline Lipton Schwartz by Ynette & Jim Hogue
Birthday of Max Edward Tonkon by Dr. Jay M. Beck by Rita Sue & Alan Gold
Contribution by Stephen E. Levine by Kitty Satinsky

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple’s foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds

Memory of Adelaide Cohn by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig
Memory of Isadore Cohn by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig
Memory of Stanley Golman by Milton Leventhal
Memory of Molly Klein by Edward Epstein
Birthday of Max Edward Tonkon by Dore Selix-Gabby
Speedy Recovery of Barbara Rabin by Lester V. Baum

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

Memory of Stanley Golman by May Sebel by Joan & Malcolm Shwants
Memory of David Hitzig by Betty & Jay Lorch
Appreciation of Iva Hochstim by Dr. Robert & Maya Gross

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund
Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Frances Glazer by Joyce & Alan Goldberg
Memory of Harriet Gold by Leslie Levy Dryzer, Lauran & Robert Goldberg
by Joyce & Alan Goldberg
Birthday of Sharan & Lynn Goldstein by Joni & Bob Cohan
Birthday of Lester Melnick by Susan & Maury Jaffer

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund
Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media
Memory of Phyllis Finger by Judith & Andrew Finger

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman Building Endowment Fund
Support for maintenance of Temple’s building

Memory of Rose Levin by Eleanor Trachtenberg
Memory of Isaac Trachtenberg by Eleanor Trachtenberg
Memory of Joseph S. Trachtenberg by Eleanor Trachtenberg

General
Temple Emanu-El General Fund
Support of Temple’s general programs and events
Memory of Ida M. Freed by Gary & Diane Freed
Memory of Frances Glazer by Cheryl & Paul Gardner
Memory of Stanley Golman by Bess Hoffman
Memory of Richard Polakoff by Hannah Rubin
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Rosen by Lionel Rosen
Birth of Asher Adam Spector by Judith L. Spector
Celebration of Ann & Alan Bogdanow by Barbara & Dennis DuBois

Contribution by Vera & Larry Reinstein

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund
Distributions from the foundation supporting Temple’s programs
Memory of Iva Hochstim by Dr. Robert & Maya Gross

Appreciation of Patrice Koenig by Frances Wayne
Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren by OriAnn & Judson Phillips by Frances Wayne
Speedy Recovery of Carol Brin by Sarah Yarrin & Jack Repp
Speedy Recovery of Barbara Zale by May Sebel

Aline C. Rutland Prayer Book Fund
Purchases of prayer books
Memory of Stanley Golman by Helen Feldman

Adult Programs
Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund
Support for adult education programs
Memory of Freda Gail Stern by Katherine Albert
Appreciation of Roz Katz by Jane, Cameron & Sammy Larkin
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Leybovich-Glikin by Beverly & Cary Rossel

Social Justice
Hunger Relief Projects
Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially during High Holy Days and Passover

Memory of Jerome Borman by Linda Donsky & Robin Donsky
Memory of Sophie Borman by Linda Donsky & Robin Donsky
Memory of Leonard Carp by Pauline Carp
Memory of Jeffrey Scott Donsky by Linda Donsky & Robin Donsky
Memory of Frances Glazer by Suzi & Jack Greenman
Memory of Jene Godsey by Courtney Hensel & Ike Quintana

Music and Prayer
Music Fund
Enhancement of Temple music programs
Memory of Cindy Ornish by Dr. & Mrs. Irwin K. Ornish
Memory of Dr. Joseph M. Redstone by Sue & Marcel Weiner

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin by OriAnn & Judson Phillips by Frances Wayne

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by Joan Essenfeld
Memory of Max Vernon
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Memory of Harry L. Weinstein
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The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund
Support of Temple’s social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures
Memory of Stanley Golman
by Howard & Faye Polakoff
Honor of Richard Wasserman
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Priscilla R. Stern
Memorial Literacy Fund
Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities
Memory of Gerald W. Bernstein
by Lynn & Mark Bernstein
Memory of Adele Fein
by Ellen Jackofsky
Memory of Harriet Gold
by Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin
by Kim & Avie Schonwald

Gina Rosenfield Levy
Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp
Memory of Carol Dickey
by Phyllis & Philip Stoup
Memory of Gigi Foreman
by Phyllis & Philip Stoup
Memory of Allen Malinger
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Appreciation of Teresa Rosenfield
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Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Larkin
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Speedy Recovery of Richy Pfeffer by Sara Pfeffer

Metz Youth Fund
Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations
Memory of Harriet Gold
by Nancy & David Eldridge
Memory of Doris Metz
by The Alman Family
by Carol, Royal & Janice Brin
by Nancy & David Eldridge
by Barbara & Bill Farnum
by Bobbie Fields
by Ron & Margaret Hines
by Rita Kahn
by Pat Mittenhal
by Helen Stern
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Leybovich-Glikin
by Lynn & Bob Behrendt
Birth of Judah Leo Utley
by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Youth and Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund
Support of ECEC programs
Memory of Mark Bodzin
by Elise Mikus
Memory of Fred Milton Brown
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts
Memory of Joseph Marvin Brown
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts
Memory of Shirley G. Crane
by Sally Epstein
Memory of Jeffrey Scott Donsky
by Joy & Matt Coit
Memory of Harriet Gold
by Susy Beliak
Memory of Ryan Goldblatt
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by Susan & Allyn Kramer
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Youth Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs
Memory of Frances Glazer
by Phyllis & Joe Somer
Memory of Marcus Wells
by Bobbi & Jerry Wells
Memory of Richard Wells
by Bobbi & Jerry Wells
Bar Mitzvah of Finley Spector
by Frances Wayne
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by Gene and Evelyn Fox
by Renee & Buddy Gilbert
by Marcia Grossfeld
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by Sally & Rick Rosenberg
by Connie Rudick
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by Fran, Jeff, Mollie & Dani Toubin
by Ettie and Melvin Weinberg
Birthday of Sharan & Lynn Goldstein
by Phyllis & Joe Somer
Birthday of Myron & Jacque Schwitzer
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Martin and Charlotte Weiss Religious School Fund
Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses
Memory of Shirley G. Crane
by Idarene Glick
Memory of Sam Fagin
by Idarene Glick
Memory of Sol M. Gilbert
by Shelley & Richard Hirsh
Memory of Frances Glazer
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**We’re Going to Israel!**


**B’nai Mitzvah Celebrations that Rock**

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**History: Not Just for Nerds**

NEXT INFORMATION SESSION
Sunday, Jan. 21, 12:15-1:15 pm, Weiss Youth Wing
Rabbi Amy Ross, Rabbi Daniel Utley,
Karen Hoffman, Director of Congregational Engagement

Contact: Karen Hoffman, khoffman@tedallas.org

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**Birthright Israel with Atid**

**Spring 2018**

Join Rabbi Daniel Utley and Alexandra Horn, Assistant Director, Social Justice & Young Adult Community, as we travel to Israel in May 2018. Open to young adults ages 22-26 who have not previously traveled to Israel on a Birthright trip.

Contact: Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org

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**Collection Opportunity**

This month, Temple is focusing on poverty intervention in its tikkun olam efforts.

Please bring diapers to the congregational Hanukkah celebration and dinner on Friday, Dec. 15 for distribution to our partner Vogel Alcove.

Contact: Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org
VISITING DAY
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9AM
Find out why children and their parents love our school!
Meet our directors, tour our inspiring campus.
RSVP: Glenda Gelgor, ggelgor@tedallas.org

2018-2019 REGISTRATION
Jan. 2-4, 2018, 7AM
Registration for currently enrolled member families including new siblings
Jan. 5-8, 2018, 7AM
Registration for currently enrolled non-member families including new siblings.
Jan. 9-11, 2018, 7AM
Registration for members who do not have children currently enrolled.
Register: participate.tedallas.org/2018-2019-Registration

SABABA
FAMILY FRIDAYS
A COOL WAY TO START YOUR SHABBAT!

Sababa Does HANUKKAH
Friday, Dec. 15, 6PM
This month’s Sababa celebration for K-2nd Grade families coincides with the Temple Hanukkah celebration.
RSVP required for dinner: participate.tedallas.org/taam8500

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Early Childhood Education Center

VARIETY SHOW
YL+E’s Got Talent
Cheer on our talented students at the 3rd Annual YL+E Variety Show
Sunday, December 10
1-3PM | Tobian Auditorium
Doors open at 12:45PM
Refreshments available for purchase.

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TOT SHABBAT
Saturday, December 2
9AM | Pollman Hall
Hanukkah in your Pajamakas
tedallas.org/prayer/tot-shabbat
Nava Tehila, Returns to Temple

Temple has joyfully experienced the soulful, heart-opening presence of Nava Tehila here and in Israel. Now welcome them back for a wonderful Shabbat Shira weekend!

JANUARY 26-28, 2018

Friday, January 26
6:15pm Shabbat Evening Service
A meditative, music-filled service with a special focus on the psalms of Kabbalat Shabbat.
7:45pm Ta’am 8500 dinner
$18 per person, $10 for children 5-12, $50 family maximum

Saturday, January 27
6:30pm Havdalah Concert
A rousing, inspiring service and concert.
$10 per person, light dinner included

Sunday, January 28
9:00AM-12:00PM Prayer Workshop
Join these masterful prayer leaders for a deep dive into chanting, meditation and silence.
No charge.

RSVP for one or all three events: participate.tedallas.org/navatehilaweekend

This weekend is made possible in part by Friends of Music Arts & Culture.
Lo v’chayil v’lo v’choach ki em-brochi

Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit
Zechariah 4:6

Miracles

Dear God,

We are ready for miracles

For might, delivered not by clashing swords or clenched fists
But by rousing words and open hearts.

For power, not by brute force or soul-destroying bullies
Instead from strength of character, a backbone of righteousness.

In this season of fire

We embrace the burning light

The sparks from within, the glow from those we love.

May we be touched by Your spirit,

Let us be the miracles, too.