It is customary for Jews to study one of the six chapters of *Pirke Avot*, the Ethics of our Ancestors, on each of the six *shabbatot* between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. Found within the Mishnah, *Pirke Avot* is a collection of rabbinic sayings and ethical teachings. One of my favorite maxims is attributed to Yochanan ben Bag Bag, one of Hillel’s disciples, said to have lived in the first century. We read, “Ben Bag Bag used to say, ‘Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it.’” Most commentators explain that “turn it” refers to the Torah. Learning Torah is a lifelong endeavor, to be examined over and over again, discovering new meanings and nuances with every seasonal turn and with each life transition.

In this liminal period of reflecting on my years at Temple, I have been thinking about Ben Bag Bag’s words. On Friday evening, May 6, we will have an opportunity to celebrate and say good-bye. In late June, Ana, Micah, Jonas and I will move to Charlotte, North Carolina, where I will assume the position of Senior Rabbi for Temple Beth El.

I have loved serving as your rabbi. This congregation has been a second home for my family. We have experienced such warmth and love here—from the daily kindnesses to the outpouring of support when we welcomed our two children into the world. You have embraced us into your lives in times of celebration and mourning. You have supported my growth, patiently tolerated my mistakes and encouraged me to dream and achieve. Words cannot adequately express the appreciation and gratitude that I have for Temple’s clergy, staff and countless lay leaders who have taught me and helped me to become the rabbi that I am today. As I reflect upon my experiences here at Temple and ponder the next “turn” in my career and the life of my family, Ben Bag Bag’s words resonate loudly. Perhaps, “it” refers to the community that we create together, “turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it.”

Four years ago, Temple members designed and constructed a community gar-

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**Summer Window is Coming!**

Please note that the next two issues of *The Window* will be combined summer issues.

**June/July:** Arrives in homes on June 15 (the current issue covers all events through June 15)

**August/September:** Arrives in homes on August 15
Friday, May 6
5:30PM: Special early oneg, Tycher Gathering Space
6:15PM: Shabbat evening service, Stern Chapel
Casual Shabbat dinner immediately following the service.

Share the glow of Rabbi Knight’s oh-so-bright future!
Please bring sunglasses for donation to The Bridge in his honor. Drop them at memory project tables before and after services and leave your own special message of warmth!

Dinner is complimentary. RSVP requested: participate.tedallas.org/rakfarewell

Child care is available in Room 118. Children will be escorted to the bimah for the Kiddush!

Friday, June 17
6:15PM | Cost: $18
RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/taam8500

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FAREWELLS
Service of appreciation to
Cantor Roz Barak
and travel blessing for those
leaving on the Temple journey
to Central Europe

His Future is Bright!
Honoring
Rabbi Asher Knight and his Family
Love Temple? Think About Being a Tour Guide

Taking a tour of a beloved building or museum exhibit with a knowledgeable docent adds so much to the experience. At Temple, a devoted cadre of tour guides is eager to resume a full tour schedule now that the construction is almost done. We caught up with docent coordinator Kathy Aferiat (pictured right) to learn about Temple touring.

It's exciting that Temple gives tours. How often and to whom? We give anywhere from 25-30 tours a year usually. The past year has been less due to the construction around Temple. Most of the requests come from churches—primarily Methodist churches who want to expose their confirmation students to the Christian roots in Judaism. We also have requests from Christian day schools, a community college, senior centers and even occasional requests from architects, artists and weavers.

What are some of the favorite stops on the tour? People love to see a Torah up close and marvel at the script. They also like to see the Olan Sanctuary with the beautiful Jewish symbols of the ark, ner tamid, menorah and Ten Commandments. The Memorial Room is interesting and gives the docent the opportunity to explain how Judaism honors the dead with yahrzeits, and recitation of the Kaddish. Adults like services, the Torah, holidays, and the ever popular “what do Jews think about Jesus?”

What are visitors most curious about? Most questions are about the services, the Torah, holidays, and the ever popular “what do Jews think about Jesus?”

Tell us a little about your interest in leading tours. I have been the docent coordinator for the past seven years. I am passionate about Temple and Reform Judaism (especially since the shift toward more understandable tradition) and I love being able to share this with non-Jews. This is not to proselytize, as I always point out, but to increase knowledge and diminish misunderstandings, fears and prejudices. I believe it is always better to light candles rather than curse the darkness that is too readily out there.

We understand you are always welcoming new tour guides. What does it take to be a successful Temple docent? I think it is important to have a high comfort level and enthusiasm in explaining our traditions (symbols, holidays, services). A docent needs to feel comfortable talking about Judaism and willing to say, “I don’t know but I’ll find out for you.” Most questions from non-Jews are fairly basic and if a docent gets stumped, she or he can always get back to the group later with the answer via e-mail to the group’s contact person. Contact: Kathy.Aferiat, kam@hotmail.com

Money Mindfulness

Tuesday, May 24, 7PM
Tycher Gathering Space
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen will lead a discussion for Atid, Temple’s young adult community, on Jewish attitudes toward money and how to be both mindful of finances and generous at any salary. She will be joined by Meyer Bodoff, president and CEO of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation, who will offer practical tips on budgeting, saving and practicing philanthropy.

RSVP: atid@tedallas.org

LGBT Happy Hour

Thursday, May 19, 7:30PM
Neighborhood Services Tavern
Serving Up
RSVP: Jane Larkin, jlarkin@tedallas.org

CINEMA SCHMOOZE WITH RABBI BRIAN ZIMMERMANN

The Good, the Bad and the Pushy: The Changing Image of the Jewish Mother
Sunday, May 15, 7pm, Polinman Hall
If you love Cinema Emanu-El (see Save the Date on page 18), you’ll love Cinema Schmooze. Rabbi Zimmerman concludes this popular series with movie clips and entertaining discussions. No cost to attend and free popcorn!
THE BRIDGE offers shelter to homeless men and women, as well as care management, health and behavioral care, employment activities and affordable housing services.

REQUESTED DONATIONS
Adult baseball hats and sunglasses, reusable water bottles, sunscreen

HOW TO DONATE
Drop off items anytime in the collection bins at temple

VOLUNTEER AT THE BRIDGE THIS SUMMER! 8-12 temple volunteers are needed on the first, fourth and fifth Sundays of each month to prepare dinner trays, serve water or help the residents carry their trays.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:
- Darby Golf Tournament benefitting the organization.

Contact: Doug Davidson, doug@alacritycreative.com

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Exchange of Dallas

Volunteers are needed to help out at the 9th annual Ray temple members will join together for dinner following the event.

Contact: bherseydmeexchange@gmail.com

GRAND REOPENING

JUDAIC TREASURES

bringing Temple home

- Shop Local
- Shop Jewish
- Shop Happy

10am-4pm Monday-Thursday
9am-1pm Friday
9am-1pm Sundays when YY + E is in session

Temple’s gift shop is owned by Women of Reform Judaism and run by volunteers, and all proceeds directly support Temple events and scholarships.

BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Protecting the Web: Israel’s Leading Role in Cybersecurity

Sunday, June 5
10-11:15AM
Pollman Hall

ROBERT EPSTEIN
North Texas Crime Commission: Cybersecurity, Law Enforcement Training and Legislative Committees; Texas State Guard and 19th Military Police Brigade Reserves

JONATHAN SHAPIRO
Director of Venture Development, Office of Research at The University of Texas at Dallas

RSVP requested
breakfast.tebrotherhood.org

WRJ EVENTS

STITCHIN’ SISTERS

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30-8:30pm, Weisberg Library
Contact: Sharon Willey, 214.597.4914, sharon@fawilley.com

WRJ MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF BOARD FOR 2016-2017

Wednesday, May 18, 11:30am-1pm
Pollman Hall
Contact: Erin Zopolsky, 214.636.7491, erin.zopolsky@att.net

DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM

Thursday, May 19, 7-8:30pm
Highland Park United Methodist Church, Room 329E
3300 Hillcrest Road

The topic for this interfaith learning group will be music.

Contact: Leah Beth Kabi, 214.501.7463, leahbkabi@gmail.com

Shabbat Shalom!

Acharei Mot
Leviticus 18:1-30

Friday, May 6
6:15am, Stern Chapel
Confirmation
All Clergy

Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Friday, May 20
6:15am, Stern Chapel
All Clergy
Rabbi David Stern
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, May 21
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Asher Knight
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Leslie Niren

B’chukotai
Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Friday, June 3
6:15am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Drبرا Robinson
Rabbi Asher Knight
Cantor Roz Barak

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 9AM

Enjoy a special Shabbat morning celebration of song, prayer, social justice and community. RSVP
todallas.org/prayer/tot-shabbat
JEWISH COMMUNITY CONCERT OF CANTORS AND CHOIRS

Songs of Shalom

Hear the beautiful voices of local cantors and choirs united in song, plus our own cantors and choirs!

Thursday, May 26, 7pm
Temple Shalom
6930 Alpha Road

Fee: $10 per person, $25 for a family of three or more
Deadline to order: Monday, May 23, templeshalomdallas.org

Shavuot Tikkun

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Open your heart and mind to wonder in Temple’s beautiful new chapel.

Put away those hardhats. Stern Chapel, the architectural and psychic showplace of Temple’s expansion and renovation project, is open for business. Spiritual business that is—the real work of building our community from within as we experience prayer anew. We hope you’ve had a chance to experience the power of the new chapel over the past two weeks in our “month of firsts.” And by all means, don’t stop at one visit.

THE DESIGN
The chapel was designed as a complementary addition to our historic midcentury building by Howard Meyer and Max Sandfield. Described below by Cunningham Architects are some of the design features to enhance our experience of it.

WINDOWS
The frosted windows are composed of three different types of frosted glass, with each glass type having a slightly different transparency level. This mosaic glass is a modern interpretation of the art glass located throughout the existing building (specifically seen throughout Olan Sanctuary and more specifically the Nasher-Haemisegger Atrium). But also serves to focus the gaze of chapel visitors toward the live oak trees inside the Nasher-Haemisegger Atrium and away from unwanted distractions.

THE ART
“Respecting Howard Meyer’s original ‘legacy of vision and light,’ the new chapel includes three major artist commissions: ‘The ner tamid’ by Linda Ridway in collaboration with Jim Cinquemani, the ark doors by Suzanne Tick and the custom bimah furniture by Mira Nakashima. Intentionally, the medium of the artists references the materials used in the Olan Sanctuary but reinterprets the ritual pieces with a contemporary spirit.”—Barbara Rosenblat, Art Subcommittee, Design and Construction Committee

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- Rabbi David Stern

THE EXPERIENCE
What do you hope visitors to this space will experience?

“Wonderful interaction between clergy and congregants in a beautiful and enriching setting for prayer and family life cycle events.”
- Randy Rattus, co-chair, Design and Construction committee

“The poet Mary Oliver says it best. ‘Beauty can both shout and whisper.’ ”
- Linda Ridgway

“Encounters with one another, the sacred texts of our people, and the beauty of nature. The design reinforces the spiritual idea that something larger binds us together.”
- Rabbi Asher Knight

“The beauty and cycles of God’s creation that organize Jewish life. The windows of the Stern Chapel offer this wonderful opportunity for inspiration and connection.”
- Rabbi Debra Robbins

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS
Daan Armery
Andy, Will and Tahilia McCawley
Daniel & Denise Rosenstein

In Memoriam
Kenneth Baum
Brother of Lester Baum, Freda Gail Stern and Lila Berlin

Baby Namings
Sloan Emerson Chalfant
Daughter of Elizabeth and Alex Chalfant
Madison Riley Hudes
Daughter of Jessica and Lance Hudes
Leilah Ruth Koplow
Daughter of Naomi Nanasi and Justin Koplow

Conversions
Adrian Durden
Kevin Owens

WEDDINGS
Robin Edwards and Richard Margolin
Lindsay Smith and Zach Steinberg
Meredith Olan and Jacob Teplin
Terri Gold and Adam Zoblotsky
Jennifer Levine and Evan Varadi

Mary Christopher
Mother of Holly Lynn
Kathleen Glover
Mother of Julie Glover
Kayce Goldberg
Daughter of Shari and Steven Goldberg
Sister of Reghan and Braden Goldberg

Zane Skylar Greer
Son of Stephanie Katz and Michael Greer
Grandson of Beverly and Gary Katz
Karl Kahn
Father of Nancy Kahn and Trudy Kahn
Elaine Krause
Mother of Dyora Krause, Jarol Krause and Nathania Krause
Jay Lebcowitz
Julian “Sonny” Lerner
Father of Cynthia Gilbert and Jay Lerner
Bernard Levy
Mother of Freda Sandler

Sylvia Miller
Mother of Norman Miller
Marge Novorr
Mother of Patty Novorr Traub

Mazel Tov
To Emily Atlas on the marriage of her daughter Johanna Atlas Arson to Christopher Morris Whaley
To Jack Repp on receiving the Jack Altman Humanitarian Award from the Dallas Holocaust Center at the V-E Day commemoration of the 71st anniversary of the end of WWII.
To Sarah Yarin, on being honored by Scottish Rite Hospital for 30 years as a volunteer.
DON’T FORGET YOUR ALEF BET!

While formal adult Hebrew classes have ended for the semester, there’s no reason to get rusty over the summer. Spend a few minutes or an evening with us on Wednesday nights, brushing up on your Hebrew vocabulary skills, preparing for your adult b’nai mitzvah or polishing your prayerbook reading. Steve Kendall, one of our awesome Hebrew teachers, will be available from 6:30-8:30 pm.

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

We will be honoring and thanking Rabbi Zimmerman, our Scholar-in-Residence this year, at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 14 at the Shabbat morning service. Following the service, a complimentary light lunch will be served.

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 Elizabeth Greene

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Distributions to charitable organizations, newly individuals, or communities caused by Temple’s clergy.

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by Audrey Pincus

Memory of Myron Ball

by Miriam Karp

Memory of Joan Beck

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Memory of Herman Bender

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(CONTINUED FROM COVER) den. Members arrived to a parking lot filled with flats of lusher, mountains of soil, and piles of mulch. We learned about Judaism’s agrarian roots. We sang and prayed. Few knew each other. Slowly, we began to plot and assemble. The members helped each other build. And as we worked, we began to share stories. The bonds that were planted that day have blossomed. Today, our community gardeners have supported each other through periods of mourning with meals made from food grown in the garden. They have donated fresh food and shared hilarious moments of camaraderie, organized Jewish learning through a Shi’ma Group, and developed meaningful spiritual practices.

This story is emblematic of what I love about Temple. At every turn, Temple Emanu-El is offering compelling, relevant and stimulating Jewish experiences that use the complexity and beauty of our tradition as a lens through which we explore our own lives. We see to create connections to Judaism through meaningful relationships, fellowship, learning and expressive spiritual practices. I believe that we are trying to build a relational and sacred community that makes a positive impact upon the lives of our members and our world.

Ben Bag Bag’s words also remind us that Judaism is an evolving tradition. The value of our faith is revealed as much through our constant questions as through the transmitted answers. In that way, each of us has a duty and role to continue the conversation. It is incumbent upon us to gain knowledge of the past, so that we may have agency in creating a meaningful present and a strong future.

Thank you for the enormous blessing of allowing me to be your rabbi, for being my teacher as you have allowed me to be yours. While our relationship will change, this community will always be part of my extended family.
Fond Farewells to Rabbi Asher Knight and Cantor Roz Barak

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