“Thank you” is everywhere. If an anthropologist from Mars were to come pay us a visit, she might conclude that our society is awash in gratitude. We say thank you at the grocery store, on the phone, when paying the parking lot attendant at the hospital even though our kid just ended up in the emergency room with a broken leg. We say it with enthusiasm when we’re pleased, acridly when we’re angry. And if the person at the restaurant take-out counter forgets to express his own gratitude, it’s OK, because the magic words are already printed right there on the bag for all to see.

“Thank you” is everywhere, and it should be. After all, it’s better to live in a society that values civility than one where people don’t acknowledge each other; better the routine words, even if they’re hollowed out and overused, than if we ended each of our dozens of daily transactions and exchanges with a shared grunt.

Routinized thanks may be better than none, but the Jewish value of gratitude goes far deeper than “Have a nice day.” Gratitude in Judaism is not an expression, and does not begin in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18)
Save the Dates

**Rabbi Debra Robbins**
Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Temple Emanu-El

A Shabbat of prayer, learning, social justice and community

Friday, Jan. 8, 6:15pm
Shabbat evening service,
Olan Sanctuary
Complimentary congregational dinner following the service

Saturday, Jan. 9, 1-3pm
North Texas Food Bank

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**Arts & Gifts Bazaar 2015**

Sunday, November 15
9AM-5PM, Tobian Auditorium
One Day Only, Tax-Free Shopping

Shop with local artisans and our own Judaic Treasures for one-of-a-kind gifts for family, friends and even yourself. Purchase lunch and enjoy homemade, nut-free treats from the bake sale.

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Stacy Bruce, sbruce@cobbmartinez.com

Need information? Contact Jo-Sandra Greenberg, josandra1@gmail.com
Sing a New Song:

Welcoming Interim Cantor Roslyn Barak

You can take the cantor out of Emanu-El, but you can’t take the Emanu-El out of the cantor! After 28 years of service to Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco, Cantor Roslyn Barak has joined Temple on an interim basis this year. Please take a moment to welcome Roz, her significant other David Olick and Schatzy the Schnauzer!

Tell us about your journey to Dallas:

I was born and raised in New York City and proud to have attended the High School of Music and Art and Manhattan School of Music. As a young girl, I was sent to an Orthodox Hebrew school. I lived in Israel from 1974-1977 and sang professionally there as well as found a husband and gave birth to a son, Danny Asher. After returning to the USA, I continued to sing and wound up in the vocal quartet of Temple Shaaray Tefila in Manhattan. That was my first introduction to Reform Judaism and I was hooked! The congregation encouraged me to become a cantor and I applied to HUC and was accepted. During those years of study I had a student pulpit in Forest Hills, Queens (where I grew up) and I stayed there for another year after ordination. But I heard about several large congregations seeking cantors and I made the decision to apply. And I was privileged to be offered the position at Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco, where I remained for 28 years. I believe it was bashert!

When I heard the wonderful news about Richard Cohn, I assumed that Emanu-El Dallas would start a search for a new cantor. When I heard about the interim position, I was immediately interested. Although I am officially retired from the congregation in San Francisco, I felt the need for some adventure! I also believe in the wisdom of creating some distance to allow the new cantor to establish himself... a few thousand miles should work! To work with David Stern and this extraordinary clergy team is icing on the honey cake—and there is parking! I am most curious to know more about the Jews of Texas! Do you really say “Shalom y’all”? I’ve been practicing just in case...

Most Memorable Cantor Moment: Singing the Prayer for the State of Israel for Shimon Peres

Favorite Hebrew Song: “Al Kol Eyleh” by Naomi Shemer. It makes me cry every time!

Best Musical: I love the musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Stephen Sondheim—just about all of them. Can’t choose one.

Jewish Carb Hit Parade (in order): challah, latkes, kugel, matzah balls, hamantaschen

Fantasy Getaway: Tahiti

Number One Jewish Holiday: Pesach. The seder is not only an opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a great meal, but it has meaningful content. I have such sweet memories of Passovers past.

When You’re Not Singing: I like to walk the dog, love to cook, play word games, travel and attend the theater, symphony and opera. And eat!

Music is a language that speaks to our souls and accesses our deepest emotions. When we let ourselves experience its harmony we are lifted higher—and perhaps may be inspired by that serenity and joy to become our best selves.
The Dish: Serving Up Big Ideas

What would happen if you were polite to telemarketers or stayed on the phone long enough to have a non-sales-y conversation? Join Nina Golboro of The Tycher Library at the JCC and imagine both possibilities as she shares two short stories, Call and Response by Israeli author Etgar Keret and International Type of Guy by award-winning writer, Joseph Skibell. Come stretch your mind, open your soul and connect through great conversation at Atid’s monthly learning series. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7pm, Lakewood Growler, 6448 E. Mockingbird Lane. Register: atid@tedallas.org
Face Time—for Real

Put down the phone, step away from the computer and get reacquainted with how wonderful a real connection can be. Sh’má Emanu-El does just that, bringing people together in solid relationships that are face to face. Building on the success of two years of conversations and connections, Sh’má Emanu-El will hold two matching events this fall. They will be warm and inviting, with nibbles, socializing, exploring and learning. Whatever your passion is, there may be a Sh’má Group for you. Or if you don’t find the right group, we can help you form a group.

Time to Play

Make it a date with interfaith families at Temple at this fun event. Meet new people and spend time with old friends while the kids run, jump and play. Sweating and smiles encouraged!

*Sunday, Nov. 15, 10AM, Coffee Park (SW corner, Northwest Highway and Hillcrest)*

*Contact: Jane Larkin, jlarkin@tedallas.org*

Our Veterans

In recent years, Temple has honored our veterans as well as those still in active duty in the nation’s armed forces. On Sunday, Nov. 8, Temple veterans will lead round-table discussions for 6th graders about Jewish values in the military.

Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

Wanted: Warm and Fuzzy

This month’s collection request is for yarn for the knitting group at The Legacy Willow Bend, which will use it to create warm hats, gloves and scarves. These will be donated to our social justice partners including Vogel Alcove, Pebbles Apartments, and Family Gateway.

*Contact: Diana Cohen Einstein, deinstein@tedallas.org*
New Family Dinners Lauded by WRJ

The Mitzvah Dinners initiative has received the international gold Or Ami Award, presented every two years, from Women of Reform Judaism. Under the auspices of Temple’s WRJ and with the participation of the committees listed below, families of newborns receive a fresh meal delivered from their Temple community. Temple was one of six gold award winners, and will be presented with the award at the WRJ Assembly, held in conjunction with the URJ Biennial. The following groups participate in the project:

- Brotherhood of Temple Emanu-El
- Caring Congregation/g2g
- Early Childhood Education Center
- Membership Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Service Projects Committee of the Social Justice Council
- Sh’ma Emanu-El Leadership
- Youth Learning + Engagement
- Women of Reform Judaism

Contact: Stacy Bruce, sbruce@cobbmartinez.com

Christmas Mitzvah

YES, SANTA, JEWS DO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

Volunteer in the 45th annual Christmas Mitzvah program sponsored by Brotherhood. 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. This is a great way to do a mitzvah before heading off to the movies or a Chinese restaurant!

Contacts: Tommy Kaye, tommy.kay@zep.com; Ivan Edelman, iedelman@rackroom.com

WRJ Events

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 18
11:30am-1pm, Linz Hall
Participate in a fun jewelry exchange. Bring your previously loved costume jewelry to buy, sell or trade before and after our meeting. A complimentary lunch will be served. RSVP: Sharon Willey, sharon@txwilley.com

DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM

Thursday, Nov. 19
7pm, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Hillcrest and Mockingbird
The monthly gathering of this interfaith group will feature a pot luck dinner and discussion of the documentary: Three Faiths, One God, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
Contact: Leah Beth Kolni, leahbkolni@gmail.com, 214.801.7463

STITCHIN’ SISTERS HAS RETURNED

Tuesdays, Nov. 3 and 17, 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
The new Mishkan HaNefesh helped me connect spiritually in a more meaningful way. New avenues—whether contemporary poetry by Jews and non-Jews, essays by thinkers of our day and days past, and new perspectives on ancient texts—gave me choices for reflection at Temple and at home. I felt present these past High Holy Days as never before.”

Joni Cohan

**Mishkan Memories**

It’s never too early to start getting ready for next year’s High Holy Days. And what better way to keep alive the special feeling than by rereading some of the beautiful prayers and poetry of Mishkan HaNefesh, the new machzor for the Reform movement. Temple still has a limited selection of two-volume sets available at the discounted price of $28 per set. Plus, you can still get your copies engraved. To order new sets and engraving, contact Joyce Wakefield, jwakefield@tedallas.org.
**SUNDAY, NOV. 1**
Brotherhood Mitzvah Cooking  
6AM, Tobian Kitchen

**TUESDAYS, NOV. 3 & 17**
Stitchin' Sisters  
6:30PM, Room 248

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4**
Nostra Aetate 50 Years Later  
6:30PM

Brotherhood Monthly Meeting and Dinner  
6:30PM

**THURSDAY, NOV. 5**
Lunch and Literature With Rabbi Debra Robbins  
Noon-1:30PM, Linz Hall

**SATURDAY, NOV. 7**
Shabbat Nosh  
Following services

**SATURDAY, NOV. 14**
VNA Meals on Wheels Pet Food Delivery  
9:30AM

North Texas Food Bank  
12:45-3:30PM, PAGE 11

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15**
WRJ Arts & Gift Bazaar  
9AM-5PM, Tobian Auditorium

Interfaith Families Play Date  
10AM
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**TUESDAY, NOV. 17**
The Dish: Serving Up Big Ideas  
4PM
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**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18**
WRJ General Meeting and Jewelry Exchange  
11:30AM-1PM
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Sh'ma Emanu-El Matching Event  
7PM, Linz Hall
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**THURSDAY, NOV. 19**
Daughters of Abraham  
7PM, Highland Park United Methodist Church
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**FRIDAY, NOV. 20**
Neshama Carlebach and Josh Nelson  
6:15PM, Olan Sanctuary
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**MONDAY, NOV. 30**
Temple Book Club  
2PM, Room 242

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**HANUKKAH CELEBRATION • FRIDAY, DEC. 11 • 6:15PM**

Eight Nights to Remember

Service and Community Candlelighting  
Bring your own hanukkiyah

Two dinners following the service. Register now!  
Adults only: participate.tedallas.org/taam8500

Families: participate.tedallas.org/hanukkahfamilydinner

Contact: Rachel Gross, rgross@tedallas.org
This fall ushered in a new year of learning for all students from babies to high school seniors. And through it all, Temple opened doors and hearts wide. Whether practicing tikkun olam with our social justice partners, hamming it up in a YL + E Opening Day dance number, making friends with a llama or dusting off those hula hoop skills, smiles and not a little silliness highlighted major events.
SEASON OF GRATITUDE

“Who is rich? Those who rejoice in their own portion.” Pirke Avot reminds us to appreciate our bounteous blessings. Here at this season of secular Thanksgiving, we reflect on Temple’s wellsprings of gratitude by saying “thank you,” by giving back to our congregation and community, and by offering hospitality and sustenance to our neighbors.

THANKS

We are grateful to our members who give to the Annual Campaign, above and beyond annual dues.

Your gifts allow us to sustain every aspect of Temple Emanu-El, your home of sacred encounter

TEMPLE EMANU-EL 2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

THANKS TO THE HUNDREDS OF ENVELOPE STUFFERS, SILVER POLISHERS, PRAYERBOOK VOLUNTEERS, SHOFAR BLOWERS, TORAH READERS, SINGERS, USHERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BAKERS, GREETERS AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO MADE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS SO SPECIAL AT TEMPLE. Rae Adams • Kathy Aferiat • Rosalie Alexander • Gail Arbetter • Judie Arkow • Jamie Asch • Kitzi Ball • Anne Batalsky • Joel Batalsky • Louise Bell • Katie Bendalin • Bobbie Berenson • Maureen Berger • Caroline Bernstein • Zela Blicher • Jenifer Blum • Shari Blum • Beverly Blumenthal • Alit Braswell • Scott Braswell • Carol Brin • Jim Brodsky • Katie Brodsky • Lotty Brodsky • Family of Stacy & Jason Bruce • Dawn Budner • Pam Carranza • Casey Carter • Beverly Charles • Chris Cheniae • Stacy Chosed • Daniel Cohen • Malcolm Cohen • Miriam Cohen • Ron Cohen • Beverly Cohn • Marsha Cohne • Joe Comfort • Community Movers Tikun Olam group • Penny Conen • Li “Cookie” Corn • Carolyn Creolien • DAFTY Volunteers • Francine Daner • David Danish • Bob Darrow • Doug Davidson • Buzz Dettelman • Keith Dossiere • Ed Dufner • Eleanor Eidelis • Philip Einsohn • Rachel Elkin • Dianne Engell • Steve Englander • Beth Feldman • Nancy Fincher • Sara Fischer • Marsha Fischman • Edward Fishman • Regan Fitzgerald • Hallie Flecker • Michael Flecker • Jerry Frank • Marlene Franklin • Mike Friedman • Susan Friedmann • Robyn Gelerston • Shelly Gammieri • Vi Ganeles • Frost Gardner • Carolyn Garon • Herbert Garon • David Gassko • Bobby Gibbs • Buddy Gilbert • Ben Gillman • Greg Gillman • Richard Gillman • Larry Ginsburg • Cathy Glick • Barry Gluck
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR HUNGER

“When you are asked in the world to come, ‘What was your work?’ and you answer, ‘I fed the hungry,’ you will be told, ‘This is the gate of Adonai, you who have fed the hungry may enter it.’ ” -Midrash Psalms 118:17

Temple is deeply committed to hunger relief all year round.
Here are some highlights from the dedicated drives at Passover and the recently concluded High Holy Days.

PASSOVER HUNGER RELIEF
Due to record-breaking donations, the Social Justice Council was able to make significant cash gifts to five partner organizations:

North Texas Food Bank: $4,000
Jewish Family Service: $3,000
VNA Meals on Wheels: $2,000
The Bridge: $2,000
Family Gateway: $1,000

Vickery Meadow Food Pantry: $700

HIGH HOLY DAYS HUNGER RELIEF
13,000 lbs. of canned food: 3,000 distributed to Vickery Meadow Food Pantry; 10,000 lbs. to North Dallas Shared Ministries

2,000 lbs. of fresh produce: 1,000 from Jill Stone Community Garden, 1,000 from the bimah decorations provided by congregants; 250 lbs. of soup bags assembled

A THANK YOU TO TEMPLE
“Thank you SO much for the contribution to pay for VNA Meals on Wheels. The $2,000 will be used to pay for over a year’s worth of food for a senior. VNA and Temple have had a long history (beginning with the founding of VNA in 1934 by Sadie Lefkowitz with other members of the community) together.

As a member for 18 years, I was so proud to accept the gift.

Thank you for the Social Justice work you do—it’s a great committee that does important work.

Thank you again and have a happy new year!”

Best,
Katherine Krause
Temple Emanu-El Member
Executive Director,
VNA Meals on Wheels

Giving Back: As Good as it Gets
Here are three great volunteer opportunities this month:

VNA MEALS ON WHEELS
PET FOOD DELIVERY
Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:30AM
Deliver pet food to Dallas residents. Help provide nourishment to their pets while doing a mitzvah.

THANKSGIVING DAY
Drivers are needed to deliver hot meals on Thanksgiving Day.

NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK
Saturday, Nov. 14, 12:45-3:30PM
Sort food and fill backpacks with food for hungry children in Dallas. Participate in a special social justice blessing before the activity begins.

LEGACY AT PRESTON HOLLOW
Every Saturday, 3:45-4:45PM
Help lead Havdalah. Legacy residents love singing, hearing music and watching performances. Let us know if you’d like to share a special talent with them.

Contact: Diana Coben Einstein, deinstein@tedallas.org

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The 19th annual Pollman Thanksgiving dinner will be held this year on Nov. 19. It is a great opportunity to honor our neighbors from Vickery Meadow Learning Center, as well as Leah and Harold Pollman of blessed memory. Volunteers from Brotherhood slice turkeys and keep the serving dishes filled, while volunteers from WRJ serve a delicious dinner.

If you’d like to volunteer to participate in this meaningful event, contact:

Brotherhood: Tom Timmons, Timmons@ippractice.com; Charles Redden, reddenlaw@aol.com

WRJ: Erin Zopolsky, erin.zopolsky@att.net
### Becoming B’nai Mitzvah

#### Justin Samuel Bonsell, Nov. 28
- Son of Susan and Shawn Bonsell
- **School**: Greenhill
- **Tikkun Olam**: Vogel Alcove, North Texas Food Bank

#### Hayden Skye Yoss, Nov. 14
- Daughter of Taylor and Scott Seideman and Harrison Yoss
- **School**: Lakehill Preparatory School
- **Tikkun Olam**: Vogel Alcove, Jill Stone Community Garden at Temple Emanu-El

#### King Murphy Cohen, Nov. 14
- Son of Barbara and Jason Cohen
- **School**: G.B. Dealey International Academy
- **Tikkun Olam**: Tot Shabbat, fundraising for disaster relief

#### Molly Hannah Zimmerman, Nov. 21
- Daughter of Mimi and Rabbi Brian Zimmerman
- **School**: Levine Academy
- **Tikkun Olam**: Legacy Preston Hollow, Community Movers

#### Ike Dylan Kassanoff, Nov. 21
- Son of Karen and Ricky Kassanoff
- **School**: Greenhill
- **Tikkun Olam**: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, Community Garden

### Weddings

- **Aimee Hirsh and Daniel Luterman**
  - Daughter of Shelley and Richard Hirsh

### Conversions

- **Rachel Mamie Gilbert**
  - Daughter of Andrew Gilbert and Greg Leyden
  - Granddaughter of Louis and Renee Gilbert
  - Esther Reisman

### Baby Namings

- **Abigail Morrow**
  - Daughter of Lauren and Christopher Morrow

- **Maya Sophia Jackofsky**
  - Daughter of Daniel and Shoshana Jackofsky
  - Granddaughter of Ellen Jackofsky

### New and Returning Members

- **Karen, Robin, Ethan and Emmie Abels**
- **Rick Avery**
- **Marcia Behl**
- **Noah, Jennifer, Zachary and Elijah Canvasser**
- **Chuck Clarke and Stan Brantley**
- **Jason, Karen, Jackson and Charlotte Cohen**
- **I.J. “Cookie” Corn**
- **Joel Corn**
- **Marilyn Corn**
- **Rise Corn**
- **Cindy, Rob and Morgan Denenberg**
- **Robert, Robbe, Rachel and Barak Epstein**
- **Jenny, Jack and Bailey Fisher**
- **Erick Garza-Livas and Martha Garza**
- **Jesse Greenberg**
- **Peter, Alexander and Michael Haskel**
- **and Lynn Mattie**
- **Jac and Brock Herold**
- **Eileen Janes**
- **Gina Kleiman**
- **Isaac Lasky**
- **Richard and Shelia Lerer**
- **Michelle, Jay, Finley and Sutton Lewis**
- **Ari, Amy, Zev, Tahl and Isaac Lund**
- **Kay McInnis**
- **Maxwell Miller**
- **Oren, Suzanne, Ella and Roey Minc**
- **Stuart and Karen Reeves**
- **Evan, Sophie and Lola Saks**
- **Steven, Rennie, Alexis and Jessica Silverman**
- **David Stanton and Stephanie Langin-Hooper**
- **Alexandra, Justin and Oliver Swartz**
- **Jennifer, Katheryne and Samantha Taylor**
- **Elena Vinogradov, Alex Ivanishev and Anna Markin**
- **Mel and Ann Wolovits**

### In Memoriam

- **Natalie Gould**
  - Mother of Kari Gould and Kevin Gould

- **Cherie Kutler**
  - Mother of Dr. Mark Kutler

- **Rita Robins-Levin**
  - Mother of Larry and Todd Robins

### Sister of Phyllis Bloom
- **Mother-in-law of Rabbi Debra Robbins**

### Albert Nemez
- **Father of Jill Stolbach**

### Willy Rossel
- **Father of Cary Rossel and Rabbi Seymour Rossel**
  - Grandfather of Rabbi Amy Ross

### Hermine Sallinger
- **Mother of Carolyn Helfman, Don Sallinger and Mary Beth Harrison,**
  - grandmother of Kory Helfman

### John Smerud
- **Father of Dr. Michael Smerud**

### Sidney Pike Solomonson, Jr.
- **Father of Stan Solomonson and Gerald Solomonson**

### Irwin Wasserman
- **Husband of Judith Wasserman**
- **Father of Scott Wasserman**

### Mazel Tov

- **Barbara and Dennis DuBois** on the birth of grandson Drew Mitchell DuBois, son of Amy and Michael DuBois

- **Nan and Stan Heller** on the birth of grandson Alexander Henry Heller, son of Meredith and Andrew Heller

- **Macki and Paul Ellenbogen** on the birth of granddaughter Alice Jesella Ellenbogen, daughter of Kara Jesella and Marc Ellenbogen

- **Mel and Ann Wolovits**
Discuss Amongst Yourselves

From Talmud study to adult b’nai mitzvah prep, learning is always on the schedule at Temple.

**RABBI LEVI A. OLAN RADIO**

**SERMON SERIES**

Lecture and Discussion by Dr. Morton Prager

*November 2* “Let Us Pray What We Owe”

*November 9* “Yet One More Plague”

*November 16* “One Way to Deal With Death”

*November 23* “A Skeptic’s Faith”

**2015 LUNCH AND LITERATURE BEGINS**

Taught by Rabbi Debra Robbins

*Thursdays Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3 and April 7*

12:15-1:30 pm, Tobian Auditorium

RSVP and order lunch: Diana Hall, dhall@tedallas.org

This year, we’ll read short stories and novel excerpts from *The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction*, edited by Victoria Aarons, Avinoam J Patt, Mark Shechner

Available on Amazon, in bookstores and electronic readers

Please note that the book is available in paperback as well as electronically

**NOTE** All Linz Hall classes are subject to construction schedules. Watch the Weekly Update and www.tedallas.org for location changes.

**TALMUD**

Taught by Rabbi David Stern

*Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am, Nov. 11, 18, 25, Tobian Auditorium*

This dynamic class takes on topics from time-bound prayers to evil and good in the world today.

**CHEVER TORAH,**

Taught by various clergy and lay leaders

*Every Shabbat morning at 9am, Linz Hall*

Explore the weekly Torah portion and discover anew its lessons for our lives today.

**B’nai Mitzvah: Not Just For Kids**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

*Tuesday, November 16 | 6:15-7:00pm | Room 242*

The adult b’nai mitzvah program is an opportunity to study Hebrew, prayer and Torah, and do *tikkun olam*, in small groups, while preparing to read from the Torah and celebrate engagement in Jewish life. All are welcome, no Hebrew knowledge is necessary, those who were bar or bat mitzvah at 13 or as adults are also encouraged to participate!

*Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org*
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 Ellene Breinin
by Bootsie Golden
by Sandra & Barry Kronick
by Marianne Morris
by Gail Nusinow
by Donald & Barbara Zale

Memory of Harvey Jaffer
by Selma Bookatz

Memory of Rita Levin
by Donald & Barbara Zale

Memory of Ivan Levy
by Ellene Breinin
by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Albert Nemez
by Evey & Chip Fagadau

Memory of Helen Sherman
by Carla Sherman

Memory of Fan Wiener
by Marianne Morris
by Donald & Barbara Zale

Appreciation of Inma Grossman
by Bootsie Golden

Appreciation of Rick Rosenberg
by Donald & Barbara Zale

Birthday of Sister Steinberg
by Bootsie Golden

Clergy Good Works Fund

Distributions to charitable organizations, needy individuals, or community causes by Temple’s clergy

Memory of Maurice H. Behrendt
by Bob & Lynn Behrendt

Memory of Murray P. Benenson
by Ruth Andres
by Marguerite Burtis & Peter Vogel
by Peter & Lotty Casillas
by Sondra Hollander
by Barbara Rose
by Cecile & Ansel Smith

Memory of Sophie Bormaster
by Linda Donsky

Memory of Jerome Bormaster
by Linda Donsky

Memory of Florence Cohen
by Selma Bookatz

Memory of Carl Davis
by Sarah & Bruce Davis & Family
by Sandy Phillips & Marjorie Cowin

Memory of Babe Donsky
by Linda Donsky

Memory of Nathan Donsky
by Linda Donsky

Memory of Denna S. Ely
by Jerry Ely

Memory of Harold Knop
by Nancy & Richard Fincher

Memory of Gail E. Koppman
by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Mary Kurtz
by David & Cindie Kurtz

Memory of Rita Levin
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox
by Norma Levitan
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg
by Morton & Jacque Prager
by Steve, Elisa and Alex Reiter
by Judith Spector
by David & Arlene Steinfield
by Edward & Barbara Stone
by Rosie Stromberg
by Tom & Jan Timmons
by Miriam & Max Vernon

Memory of Ivan Levy
by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Brother of Ruth Lurie
by Ruth Andres

Memory of Clarice Meer
by Florence Ziegler

Memory of Rosalie Rosenbloom
by Helen Biderman

Memory of Lili Rudin
by Hannah Brahinsky

Memory of Hermine Sallinger
by Ruth Andres
by Morton & Jacque Prager

Memory of Miriam Sternberg
by Wendy & George Palmer

Memory of Fan Wiener
by Lois Wolf

Anniversary of Marilyn & Zeck Lieberman
by Lois Wolf

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
by Beth & Dennis Jacobs
by Judith & Daniel Tobey

Appreciation of Rabbi Asher Knight
by Berknkopf Family
by Eddie Koppman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Suzanne & Ansel Aberly
by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern & Temple Emanu-El Clergy
by Syl Benenson
by Herb Benenson
by Steven Benenson

Appreciation of Clergy of Temple Emanu-El
by The Krause-Zahler Family

Bar Mitzvah of Ross Chazanow
by Mark & Jennifer Chazanow

Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Hurst
by Michael & Jane Hurst

Birth of Jonas Knight
by Natalie Friedman
by Sandy Phillips
by Paul & Joan Salzberger

Birthday of Jean Garfield
by Robert & Joni Cohen

Birthday of Philip Goodman
by Larry Golman

Contribution
by Jordan Furman & Allison Zeitow

Honor of Cathy Hughes
by Marla H Bane

Unveiling of Helen H. Gardner
by Gary Gardner

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 Murray P. Benenson
by Susan & Allyn Kramer
by Connie Rudick

Memory of Carl Davis
by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Rita Levin
by Nina Cortell & Bob Fine
by Beth & Jim Gold
by Connie Rudick
by Becky & Bruce Wartell

Memory of Albert Nemez
by Roben Sachs & Robert Farkas

Memory of Rosalie Rosenbloom
by Connie Rudick

Memory of Marcus Wells
by Jerry & Bobbi Wells

Bat Mitzvah of Allison Aftergut
by Jane & Cameron Larkin

Birth of Jonas Knight
by Bob & Lynn Behrendt

Temple Emanu-El Hunger Relief Projects

Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, including our High Holy Days and Passover drives

Memory of Murray P. Benenson
by Pauline & Leonard Carp

Memory of Carl Davis
by Pauline & Leonard Carp

Memory of Jeffrey Scott Donsky
by Linda Donsky

Memory of Ludwig Guckenheimer
by Miriam & Max Vernon

Memory of Gloria Kersh
by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Rita Levin
by David & Julie Fields and Family

Memory of Jeff Rich
by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Hermine Sallinger
by Jeff & Kathe Randall

Memory of Leo Vorchheimer
by Miriam & Max Vernon

Birthday of Martin Cohen
by Lisa & Ben Kenter

Graduation of Michael Mullins
by Celia & David Saunders

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Chris Bachant
by Beth & Jim Gold

Memory of Murray P. Benenson
by Adlene Harrison

Memory of Robert Kallish
by Susan & Ian Shores

Memory of Rosalie Rosenbloom
by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld

Memory of Marcus Wells
by Jerry & Bobbi Wells

Bat Mitzvah of Allison Aftergut
by Jane & Cameron Larkin

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Graduation of Michael Mullins
by Celia & David Saunders
Graduation of Robby Mullins by Celia & David Saunders

Naming of Jonas Knight by Howard & Faye Polakoff

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

Memory of Chris Bachant by Edward & Barbara Stone

Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Marilyn & Bill Boyd by Annette & Jack Corman by Marsha & Lawrence Fischman by Tom & Jan Timmons by Maddy & Mark Unterberg

Memory of Ivan Levy by Annette & Jack Corman

Memory of Frieda Simon by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

Memory of Harriet Simon by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

Memory of Fan Wiener by Annette & Jack Corman

Birth of Jonas Knight by Annette & Jack Corman

Naming of Jonas Knight by Syl Benenson

Contribution by Jerry Ely

Contribution by Fran & Harrison Goldman

Speedy recovery of Bert Fischel by Ellen Lasser & Tommy Kaye

YES Fund of Sisterhood
Support of the Youth, Education and Service program of Women of Reform Judaism

Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Miriam Cohen

Memory of Hildegard Koepp by Miriam Cohen

Memory of Rita Robins-Levin by Bernice & Marty Sherling

Birth of Jonas Zeke Bonnheim Knight by Miriam Cohen

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

Memory of Pepper Aronoff by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Betty & Samuel Ablon

by Elaine Betcher by Janie & Howard Dreyer by Jerry Ely by Amy & Jack Friedlander by Linda Geddie by Alan & Rita Sue Gold by Dan M Krausse by Joel & Bert Myers by Helaine Trachtenberg by Geraldine Trizzza by Michael Wolfson

Memory of Anatoly Chernyavski by Sofiya Samsonova

Memory of Jake Davidoff by Charles & Eileen Davidoff

Memory of Stanley Davidow by Marilyn Desser

Memory of Carl Davis by Lee & Lindsay Ascherman by Betsy Bramson by Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Gold by Diane Melnick by Rita Morgan by Mary & Gunther Perdigao by Harold & Gail Victor by Dorothy

Memory of Denna S. Ely by Jerry Ely

Memory of Albert Gubin by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Irving Gubin by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Rose Gubin by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Milton Klein by Mel & Ozzie Klein

Memory of Elsie Klein by Mel & Ozzie Klein

Memory of Joseph Krieger by Mel & Ozzie Klein

Memory of Rita Levin by Joy & Ronald Mankoff by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Theodore Newman by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Lillian Newman by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Justin Newman by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Rose Newman by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Memory of Jeff Phillips by Betsy Bramson

Memory of Rosalie Rosenbloom by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Eleanor F. Rosenthal by Gary & Marian Rosenthal

Memory of Willy Rossel by Donald & Barbara Zale

Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Kathy Davis by Linda & Michael Wolfson

Memory of Mark Shekter by Joan Davidson & Stuart Glass

Memory of Theodore H. Strauss by Sue Wayne-Strauss

Memory of Phyllis Unell Davidoff by Charles & Eileen Davidoff

Memory of Thelma Vogel by Peter Vogel & Marguerite Burts

Memory of Philip Vogel by Peter Vogel & Marguerite Burts


Memory of Alice Young by Laurie & Jeff Pierce

Birth of Jonas Knight by Helaine Trachtenberg

Birthday of Gilda Spector by Audrey & Stanton Unell

Contribution by Jack Bloom

Contribution by Naum Epelfeld

Marriage of Meredith & Charles Pryzant by Michele & David Whitsett

Speedy recovery of Mimi Aronoff by Helaine Trachtenberg

Speedy recovery of Ethel Zale by Marjorie Phillips Cowin

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

Memory of Hyman Bock by Eugene Bock

Memory of Dorace Fichtenbaum by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

Memory of Edna K. Flaxman by Margaret & David Millheiser

Memory of Carl B. Flaxman by Margaret & David Millheiser

Memory of Rita Levin by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

Memory of Sidney P. Solomonson Jr. by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

Memory of Alan Weiser by Louette Weiser

Birthday of Bennett Goodman by Fonda Glazer

Birthday of Harold Kleinman by Fonda Glazer

Contribution by Gary & Diane Freed

Klein Garden Fund
Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Sandy & Dan Gorman by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

Memory of Carl Davis by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

Memory of Paul Friedman by Barbara Friedman

Memory of Jack Michaelson by Barbara & Eugene Sanger

Memory of Irwin Wasserman by Sandy & Dan Gorman

Memory of Richard Wells by Jerry & Bobbi Wells

Memory of Fan Wiener by Patricia Mittenthal by Max Edward & Marilyn Tonkon

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

Memory of Richard Albert by Lester Baum

Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Helen Lansburgh by Ellen Samuels by Hilde Schwartz

Memory of Esther Cohn by Mary Ann & Marshall Lustig

Memory of Carl Davis by Lester Baum

Memory of Jill Heyman by Lois & Stanley Golman

Memory of Lloyd Kronick by Helen & Bob Stern

Memory of Rita Levin by Eric & Sharon Goldberg by Helen Lansburgh

Memory of Blanche Liebenson by Nancy & Richard Fincher

Memory of Bill Lustig by Marshall & Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Hilde Schwartz by Fredna Swango

Memory of Fan Wiener by Lester Baum by Nancy & Richard Fincher by Robert Pollock

Birthday of Barry Kurtz by Cathy & Ted Bernstein
Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman Endowment Fund  
Support for maintenance of Temple’s building  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Harold Krom  
Memory of Harry Stitsky by Sheldon & Judith Zimmerman  
Memory of Yetta Stitsky by Sheldon & Judith Zimmerman  
Memory of Morris Zimmerman by Sheldon & Judith Zimmerman  
Memory of Helen Zimmerman by Sheldon & Judith Zimmerman  
GENERAL  
General Endowment Fund  
Distribution from the Temple Foundation supporting Temple’s programs  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Marcus & Valenca Alexander  
Memory of Rita Levin by Beverly & Malcolm Bonnheim  
Memory of Barbara Levy by Ronald & Joy Mankoff  
Memory of Albert Nemez by Marilyn & Max Tonkon  
Marriage of Meredith & Charles Pryzant by Terri & Alan Greenspan  
General Fund  
Support of Temple’s general programs and events  
Memory of Chris Bachant by Tom & Jan Timmons  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Eileen & Thurman Ray  
Memory of Lenore Berson by Craig Hodges  
Memory of Rita Levin by Gayle Johansen by Morris Stein  
Memory of Ivan Levy by Tom & Jan Timmons  
Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Andy Tuttle  
Memory of Irwin Wasserman by Linda Fuller  
Birthday of Mary Lee Broder by Julie, David, Elizabeth & Andrew Fields  
Birthday of Lillian Shriro by Eileen & Thurman Ray  
Birthday of Maddy Unterberg by Gary & Diane Freed  
Honor of Nancy Nasher & David J. Haemisegger by Brian & Rose Cohen  
Jacobs Archives  
Supports special exhibits in our Jacobs Archives  
Memory of Fan Wiener by Norma Schlinger  
Birthday of Jean Garfield by Joan Jackson  
ADULT LEARNING  
Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund  
A fund providing for an annual adult education class  
Memory of Barbara Levy by Rita Kahn  
Engagement of Clare Fahey & Robert Millheiser by Margaret & David Millheiser  
Leonard M. Cohen Adult Education Fund  
Supports adult education programs  
Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Phyllis & Joe Somer  
Henry D. Schlinger Ethics Symposium Endowment Fund  
Support of the annual ethics symposium  
Anniversary of Deanne & Raymond Termini by Helen Stern  
Birthday of Norma Schlinger by Paula Schlinger & Jim Gerhardt  
Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Fund  
Support of literacy projects in the Jewish and general communities  
Memory of Chris Bachant by Marcia Grossfeld  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Cynthia & Max Littwitz by Joan Loeb by Miriam & Max Vernon  
Memory of Mendel Melasky by Julie & Michael Lowenberg  
Memory of Albert Nemez by Sherrie & Jeffrey Klein by Shelley & Michael Rosen  
Memory of Dianne Betty Gordon Schonwald by Avrum & Kim Schonwald  
Memory of Fan Wiener by Joan Loeb  
Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Silver by Lisa Silver  
Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund  
Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by Elizabeth Hirsch  
Memory of Gail E. Koppman by Elissa & Frank Sommerfield  
Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Elizabeth Hirsch  
Memory of Alex Weisberg by Elissa & Frank Sommerfield  
Memory of Fan Wiener by Elissa & Frank Sommerfield  
MUSIC AND PRAYER  
Music Fund  
Enhancement of Temple music programs  
Memory of Murray P. Benenson by June Leib by Walter & Karen Levy by Aaron & Jeneane Pearlman  
Memory of Natalie Gould by Sarah Yarrin & Jack Repp  
Memory of Alan L. Kahn by Frances Blatt  
Memory of Howard Kaplan by Sarah Kaplan & Peter Bogdanow  
Memory of Rita Levin by Joanne Blum & Paul Dechow  
Memory of Hermine Sallinger by Sarah Yarrin & Jack Repp  
Memory of Fan Wiener by Joanne Blum & Paul Dechow by Aaron & Jeneane Pearlman  
Birthday of Zelda Siegel by Sarah Yarrin & Jack Repp  
YOUTH LEARNING + ENGAGEMENT  
William P. Budner Youth Library Fund  
Purchases of Judaic books and publications for students  
Birthday of Jacob Gail by Judith & Daniel Tobey  
Early Childhood Education Center  
Sustenance of ECEC programs  
Memory of Natalie Gould by Larkin Family  
Birth of Jonas Knight by Mack & Paul Ellenbogen by Adlene Harrison by Susan & Allyn Kramer by Joan Loeb by Michael & Julie Lowenberg  
Birthday of Courtney Gerstenhaber by Michelle & Craig Whitman  
Naming of Sarah Kramer Epstein by Andrea & Robert Epstein  
Gina Rosenfield Levy Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund  
Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp  
Memory of Martin Plotkin by Allen & Diane Plotkin  
Martin & Charlotte Weiss Fund  
Scholarships for Youth Learning + Engagement books, fees and additional expenses  
Memory of Willy Rossel by The Larkin Family  
Memory of Fan Wiener by Bernard & Beatrice Hirsh  
Youth Scholarship Fund  
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs  
Birth of Jonas Knight by Norma Levitan  
Jeanette & Raymond Israel Teacher Training Fund  
Funds for continuing education of Youth Learning + Engagement teachers  
Memory of Natalie Gould by Wendy & George Palmer
politeness or civility. Gratitude is a stance towards and in the world, a posture of awe, the silence of wonder that precedes even heartfelt words. Gratitude begins in humility, in the acknowledgement that we are not the source of the gifts that make us who we are. Gratitude is the piercing gaze which breaks through the surface of things to recognize the grace of unearned gifts: the people who love us, the beauty that uplifts us, the memories that bless us, the unique power and capacity each of us possesses.

Gratitude is the vision of ourselves as one shining strand in the interconnectedness of all being, and the wisdom to see that interconnectedness not as a choking limitation or a diminution of our individuality, but as a source of profound strength and blessing. It is a mindful resistance to a secular culture which daily urges us to grasp, and then grasp some more.

It’s all so easy to say, and hard to do. Nobody would argue with a stance of gratitude, but to borrow a phrase from yoga, it’s hard to hold the pose. We forget. We get caught up in all the to-dos, many of them noble and good. Sometimes the pain the world inflicts overshadows our pleasure at simple things. Mounting stress eclipses the gifts that stare us in the face. Far too often, we submit to the power of entitlement or the lure of the next shiny toy. We treat luxuries as necessities. We forget that for all of our achievements, we never earned a single breath. Our wonder wanes.

And so Judaism gives us the greatest gift, a daily practice of gratitude. The traditional prayer we say upon awakening is modeh ani lifaneycha: “I am grateful to you, Holy One of Blessing, that you have returned my soul to me in mercy. How great is your trust.” Notice you can say those words whatever the day ahead might hold, whether you are flush with achievement or weighed down by doubt. But Judaism’s wisdom here is less in the words themselves than in the fact of the daily practice. It’s a way to hold the pose: to begin the day not with the list of what’s next, but with thanks for what is—even when the day ahead might be difficult.

You may choose the words of modeh ani, or others, or a focused, brief silence. But to begin the day by attending to the radical fact that we can never say thank you enough might well give greater depth to all the thank yous we do say. And then Thanksgiving will be not only the wonderful holiday that it is, but a daily practice that grounds and enriches our lives.

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9AM, Chever Torah Study
10:30AM, Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, DEC. 6
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A Conversation with Rabbi Rachel Cowan

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