A PIE CHART OF Thanks

- 44% Family and Friends
- 3% Work
- 3% Love
- 5% God and Judaism
- 6% Animals and Pets
- 8% Life
- 9% Health
- 10% Miscellaneous: Earth, Sports, Dessert, Laughter, Diversity and more!
- 13% Temple Emanu-El

We asked members what they’re grateful for… see their answers here!

COVER STORY, PP. 10-11
I write this column for November, our month of American Thanksgiving, on the last day of Sukkot, our Jewish festival of gratitude. On the one hand, the connection feels obvious: Puritans, steeped in knowledge of what they called the Old Testament and we call the Hebrew Bible, come to a new land and create an observance of gratitude to offer thanks for the fall harvest. As Professor Jonathan Sarna says of the Puritans: “The notion that one would be thankful for a bountiful harvest was certainly one they would have learned from the Hebrew Bible.”

But Sarna, citing the work of historian Diana Muir Applebaum, also points out how recent scholarship has complicated that association, the most important wrinkle being that the Puritans did not believe in fixed holidays. If a bountiful harvest came along, they would offer thanks, but unlike the Hebrew Bible, which prescribes a fixed date on the Hebrew calendar for Sukkot year after year, the pilgrims resisted establishing a fixed holiday of thanksgiving.

In fact, as journalist Robert Gluck writes, Thanksgiving did not begin to become a fixed holiday in America until President Abraham Lincoln declared it in 1863. But in the midst of the Civil War, Confederate states associated the idea of a thanksgiving holiday with Yankee abolitionists, and the holiday did not become popular in the south until the end of the 19th century. Thanksgiving did not have a firm date until Congress established one—the fourth Thursday of each November—in 1941.

Why did the Puritans resist a fixed date for a festival of gratitude? According to Applebaum, Puritan theology supported the proclamation of special days of prayer when unusual events occurred: they would declare a day of fasting and repentance to seek relief from drought or famine, and if God granted a special providence and the plight lifted, they would declare a day of prayer and thanksgiving. But they resisted scheduling gratitude into the calendar, lest people treat the day of thanks as something rote.

If the Puritans were willing to assign a day of thanksgiving to events regarded as special acts of divine providence, then, as Applebaum points out, the debate over proclaiming an annual fall holiday of gratitude in fact revolved around a core spiritual question: “Was an ordinary harvest a routine event, or was it a special providence?” Should the bounty of the fall harvest be simply regarded as part of the cycle of nature, or should it be understood as a blessing that is somehow both recurring and unique?

As Applebaum rightly notes, people love holidays, and we should not underestimate the power of our desire to come together with friends and family as a factor in ultimately winning Thanksgiving a place on the calendar and in our hearts. After all, gathering together with food and family is itself an act of Torah spirituality, from Abraham’s hospitality to the strangers to all of the Torah’s mandated sharing of food at festival celebrations.

But I also believe that a deeper Jewish message wins out—and perhaps reveals a Sukkot influence—in the ultimate evolution of Thanksgiving from a spontaneous offering of gratitude for a good harvest in a harsh New England landscape to a national holiday observed every autumn. And that is Judaism’s profound conviction that even an ordinary harvest is a great gift. The blooming of trees when they’re supposed to; the sprouting of grain when it’s predicted to; the coming of rains in their season: all are understood in our tradition to be miraculous gifts of God’s bounty—and no less so because they come in the natural cycle of God’s world.

In fact, Judaism would argue, it is precisely because of the predictability of these blessings that we are at risk of taking them for granted, and therefore all the more reason to prescribe a festival of thanks.

And so a key insight into Jewish ritual. All of our calendared observances—from lighting Shabbat candles to eating matzah at the seder to observing Sukkot each fall—while they run the risk of becoming rote, are in fact intended to do just the opposite. They schedule into our awareness a sense of gratitude for rest, for light, for freedom, for sustenance and bounty. That is why our tradition prescribes 100 blessings per day—because we should always be in a posture of gratitude; because in Jewish spirituality, the term “daily miracle” is anything but an oxymoron.

From under my sukkah, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!
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Early voting ends Nov. 2
Election day is Nov. 6

Do you or someone you know need a ride to the polls?
Contact Sara Albert, 214.202.9401

For information about your precinct numbers, building your ballot and polling locations, visit www.tedallas.org/vote

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JUDAIC TREASURES BAZAAR

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 11
9AM-3PM
Linz Hall and Tycher Gathering Space

Shop for Hanukkah and all your holiday needs.

All proceeds benefit Temple Emanu-El

Shop • Schmooze • Share

For a current list of vendors, visit: tesisterhood.org/bazaar

October Window Correction
We apologize for the incorrect information regarding Meredith Grossfeld in the October Window. Meredith is a lifelong member of Temple who was a panelist on WRJ’s Breast Cancer Awareness Panel on October 3. She is not, and has never been, a cancer patient.
OUR COMMUNITY

BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

Hannah Madison Gaswirth
November 3
Daughter of Dana and Brad Gaswirth
Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam:
Heart House

Abby Shulman
November 3
Daughter of Jody and Jeff Shulman
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam:
Operation Kindness

Kyle Hamburger
November 10
Son of Cara and Gregg Hamburger
Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam:
Meals on Wheels Pet Project

Jason Weinstein
November 24
Son of Jennifer and Marc Weinstein
Frankford Middle School
Tikkun Olam:
For the Love of the Lake

Max Eugene Levy
November 17
Son of Allison and Alan Levy
St. Mark’s School of Texas
Tikkun Olam:
Violin concert for Puerto Rico recovery

BABY NAMINGS

Danielle Marie Anderson
Daughter of Allison and Scott Anderson
Granddaughter of Michael and Marcy Grossman

Max Isaac Ashton
Son of Jamie and Aaron Ashton

Emma Rose Moon, Neal Charels Moon and William Aidan Moon
Son of Natalie and Neal Moon

Lola Lee Woodfin and Edith Kathryn Woodfin
Twin daughters of Paulette and Sam Woodfin
Granddaughters of Louise and Jack Bell

WEDDINGS

Laura Raden and Benjamin Fertig
Laura is the daughter of Irene and Buddy Raden

CONVERSION

Jerry Williams

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Marcy Babcox
Lillian Becker
Rick, Mindy & Louis Cohen
Heather Ecker
Arna, Bluma & Maccabee Hemenway
Ryan, Heather, Violet, Penelope & Oliver Hoccevar
Ben, Carly & Lily Liss
Jodi Minsky-Gonzalez
Lacey & Zach Most
Marcia Olmsted
Brock Pierce & Mischelle Slaton & Caden, Mara, Brycen, Nami & Hayla Pierce
Michelle & Ricky Rickoff
Max, Laura & Emma Stagnaro-Cohen
Joshua & Debbie Taub
Craig Yellen
Ron Yudovich & Lauren Miller

IN MEMORIAM

Joan Rosenthal Berlinsky
Sister of Anita Yudin
Frank Elkin
Father of Robert Elkin
Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
Mother of Sheryl Fields
Bogen, David Fields and Amy Rosenberg
Frances Howard
Mother of Alan Howard
Amya Kramer
Mother of Stella Belsky
Shirley Telisman Kresh
Mother of Karen Nathan, Alan Telisman and Steve Telisman
Sister of Bill Frank and Irwin Frank
Bernice Kulick
Mother of Sheryl Jahnos, Andrea Kulick and Janyce Steinbrecher
Irvin Levy
Husband of Joan Levy
Father of John I. Levy and Robert Levy
Stepfather of Kenneth Schnitzer
Bernice Raden
Mother of Bernard “Buddy” Raden, Beth Brummer and Marcia Wagshal
June Sachs
Mother of Robin Sachs
Shirley Schlein
Mother of Fran Berry, Philip Schlein and Robert Schlein
Maxine Waldman
Mother of Cherie Small, Stephen Waldman and Carol Gene Cohen
Olive Noa Carolina Washburn
Granddaughter of Celia and David Saunders
Robert Yudin
Husband of Anita Yudin
Father of Scott Yudin and Joseph Yudin
Stepfather of Kevin London, Kimberly London Brill and Lisa London Faust
Brother of Marshall Yudin and Marcia Smokler

TEMPLE CARES

Financial assistance and pastoral support is available. Call us.
tedallas.org/community/temple-cares
Contact: Meredith Pryzant,
mpryzant@tedallas.org

MAZEL TOV

To Ellen Samuels, on the birth of her granddaughter Anaelle Naomi Samuels, daughter of Racheli and Eric Samuels.
Book Talk

“Being Mortal”
BY DR. ATUL GAWANDE

A conversation between Rabbi David Stern and Dr. Bob Fine

Wednesday, December 5, 7:30PM, Stern Chapel
RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/beingmortal

The idea behind this bestselling book is that medicine plays a part in improving life as well as the end of life. This event is part of Temple’s work with the Conversation Project, a series of workshops that begun last year to facilitate important dialogue with loved ones about end-of-life desires and decisions.

Temple Cares
SUPPORT GROUPS
Help and Healing for November

EXISTING SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers Support
November 6, 10:30-11:30AM, Archives

Ongoing Grief Support
November 13 and 27, 11:30AM-1PM, Zilbermann Chapel

Cancer Support
November 26, 1–2PM, Rosenfield Conference Room

POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS
Temple is here for you in times of both joy and challenge. We understand how your world can be upended by loss and struggle. We’d like to help by facilitating two new groups, divorce support and ongoing support for families dealing with addiction. Please let us know if you’re interested.

Contact:
If you have interest in or questions on this or any other aspect of support at Temple, please contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org 214.706.0000, ext. 122.

ON THE GO

Gospel Brunch at House of Blues
Sunday, Nov. 18, 12-2PM
2200 N. Lamar Street (White Swan Building)
Meet at House of Blues or carpool from Temple at 11:30AM
$40 per person
RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/gospelbrunch

This lively, energetic brunch includes local talent performing both traditional and contemporary gospel songs. Before and during the show, treat yourself to an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring breakfast favorites plus carving stations.

Congregational Hanukkah Celebration
Friday, Dec. 7
There will be special g2g tables at the Ta’am 8500 dinner. (Details on page 12)
Fall Sandwich Drive for Austin Street Center

SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Tuesday, Nov. 6
- 3-5PM: Drop off chips, fruit and wrapped sandwiches at Temple’s reception desk

Wednesday, Nov. 7
- Drop off items for assembly by 9AM
- 9:10:30AM: assemble lunches or
- 10:30AM-1PM: deliver them to the center

For more details, see tesisterhood.org/volunteer-opportunities

Rest & Refresh WITH WRJ

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5-8PM

Including Yoga Emanu-El with Debbi K. Levy (bring your own mat) from 5-6PM
(Registration information on following page)
Nosh • Chair Massage • Extended Judaic Treasures hours

Cost: Free for WRJ members; $15 for non-members
RSVP: 214.706.0000, ext. 105 or Judaic@tedallas.org

SAVE THE DATE

STRETCH & SCHMOOZE

Yoga • Meditation • Snacks

Sunday, Dec. 9, 9:45AM-12PM, Linz Hall
(during YL+E, bring your own mat and towel)

Childcare available if requested in advance to rachel.swerdlow@gmail.com

Daughters of Abraham

Thursday, Nov. 15, 7-8:30PM
Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church, 8525 Audelia Road

This interfaith group seeks to enhance understanding of the spiritual and cultural similarities and differences among the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. This month’s topic is a discussion of the movie, “He Named Me Malala.”

Contact: Leah Beth Kolni, leahbkolni@gmail.com, 214.801.7463

Lilith Salon

Experience Judaism through a uniquely female lens. Lilith Salons provide an opportunity to discuss articles in the feminist quarterly magazine. WRJ has a limited number of subscriptions for members who don’t have a copy and want to read the articles before the discussion.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 3-5PM, Private Home
RSVP: Phyllis Mills, 972.386.1852

MEET-UP

Wednesday, Nov. 14 | 6:30-8:30PM

Spend an evening playing mahjong and socializing.

$5 to cover snacks
Bring your own set and card. Games will be formed as people arrive. There is no formal instruction, but help will be available.

RSVP: Celia Saunders, celiasaunders18@gmail.com
Brotherhood Meeting and Dinner

The Crypto-Jews of Texas

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6:15PM dinner, 7PM program

Featuring Temple Emanu-El member Dr. Xico R. Baruch Garcia, who will discuss his personal experience as a Crypto-Jew and the Spanish regal ancestry, South Texas Sephardic Jewish history and documentation of the Crypto Jewish experience.

Cost for dinner: $10
Register: calendar.tebrotherhood.org
Contact: Charlie Redden, reddenlaw@aol.com

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

6-8PM | Dora Aronson Kitchen & Cafe

Atid Learns with Chef Eli Cohn-Wein
Praying with our Bellies:
Cooking as a Spiritual Practice

Shabbat dinner is a time to take the best ingredients, set the most beautiful table, invite guests into your home and bask in the warmth of food and community. Sharpen your knife skills and get your hands dirty with Chef Eli Cohn-Wein as he guides us through the creation of a full Shabbat dinner and explores the spirituality of hosting. Space is limited, so reserve your spot!

Contact: Erika Purdy, epurdy@tedallas.org

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

In-Home Shabbat

Spend Shabbat in various homes and apartments around the Dallas area, beginning at 7PM. If you’d like to host or attend, sign up with Erika Purdy, Associate Director of Community Engagement, at epurdy@tedallas.org

Temple is pleased to announce that Yoga Emanu-El has been extended from a six-week pilot program to a weekly program. Tuesdays, 5PM, back of Olan Sanctuary. All levels welcome. Led by Debbi K. Levy

Register: participate.tedallas.org/yogaemanuel
Contact: Becky Slakman, bslakman@tedallas.org

Temple is proud to host The Well, a free program for those who have early stage Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia. The program is staffed by trained volunteers and is designed to provide a stimulating environment for the attendees while offering their caregivers a rejuvenating break. If you’re looking for a rewarding experience, consider joining our awesome volunteer team!

First and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:30AM-2:30PM.

To learn more: tedallas.org/community/well
For volunteer opportunities and participation:
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PRAYER

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Chayei Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18

Friday, Nov. 2
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Cantor Leslie Niren
Or & Feliza Zohar,
Musicians in Residence

Saturday, Nov. 3
9am, Pollman Hall
Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Amy Ross

10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Or and Feliza Zohar

11am, Pollman Hall
Shabbat B’Yachad
Rabbi Amy Ross
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

4:30pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bat Mitzvah: Abby Shulman

Tol’dot
Genesis 25:19-28:9

Friday, Nov. 9
6pm, Pollman Hall
Sabbat
Rabbi Amy Ross
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Vicky Glikin

Saturday, Nov. 10
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bar Mitzvah: Hannah Gaswirth

Tol’dot
Genesis 25:19-28:9

Friday, Nov. 16
6pm, Pollman Hall
Grades 3-6 Service
Rabbi Amy Ross
Cantor Leslie Niren
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

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

Saturday, Nov. 17
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Leslie Niren

10:30am, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bar Mitzvah: Max Levy

Va’yishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43

Friday, Nov. 23
6:15pm, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Leslie Niren

November Birthday Blessings

Saturday, Nov. 24
10:30am, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren
Bar Mitzvah: Jason Weinstein

Shabbat Nosh
A tasteful, relaxing way to
celebrate Shabbat with friends,
over a light lunch. Held on the first
Saturday of the month, following the
congregational morning service.

Nov. 3 | Dec. 1

Temple is proud that our
cemetery was selected by
the Jewish War Veterans to
erect the Veterans Memorial.
It’s dedicated to all the
Jewish soldiers in the Dallas
area who died fighting for
our country in World Wars
I and II. Temple would like
to add the names of any
additional Jewish men or
women who perished in
the service for our country
in any subsequent wars or
conflicts. Please let us know
if you have a friend or loved
one whose name should
be included.

Contact: Jeffrey W.
Friedman, Manager
jfriedman@tedallas.org,
214.706.0000, ext. 240

Shabbat No-Sh

Let Us Know
Temple clergy and staff are available
to support members of our community
dealing with mental and physical health
issues. Please reach out to us if you or a
friend or family member is dealing with
depression, addiction, grief, cancer, chronic
conditions, infertility or another condition.

Contact: Meredith Pryzant,
mpryzant@tedallas.org

Soul Singing with the Cantors
Thursday, November 8
7:30pm, Stern Chapel
Explore your connection to God through music,
breath, meditation and community. Come curious,
leave with an enriched soul and an expanded heart.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/soulsinging
We Give Thanks

This month, and every month, we are grateful for many things. Sometimes it’s that fresh breeze on a crisp fall day; other times it’s the beautiful songs that fill Stern Chapel. But mostly, we are grateful for each and every one of you.
The idea was simple. Ask members of our community to reflect on at least one thing they are grateful for, and to share them on a white board in Tycher Gathering Space. As the Sukkot congregational celebration unfolded on that last Shabbat in September, so did another, multilayered, multitextured story. A story of love, of family and friends, of appreciation for health and home, of devotion to our great country and the precious freedoms we share. “I’m grateful for my life,” said a visitor to our congregation. “I have cancer and I don’t have long to live. I haven’t even told my friends, but I’m appreciating every minute.”

A mom approached the board with her two sons. “Would you like to share what you’re grateful for?” A pained look came into her eyes. “My dad passed away,” explained the older son. “My boys,” the mom wrote.

“Hermit crabs,” wrote a preschooler.

“My family, God and diversity,” wrote a 7-year-old. Proud parents looked at each other and took a photo.

In the midst of sadness and suffering, the hurting found a reason to be grateful. And in a complex world they’re only beginning to grasp, even the youngest children could name reasons beyond their own needs to be happy.

A simple concept, perhaps. The practice, though, is far from automatic. To you from all of us at Temple, we thank you for your exuberance, your vulnerability, your openness. As we move from the richness of the fall holy days to the anticipation of Hanukkah, we pause to let you know how grateful we are for the ways you add to the incredible and ongoing story of Temple Emanu-El.

Feel free to share this beautiful poem at your own Thanksgiving tables.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER
By Rabbi Naomi Levy

For the laughter of the children,  
For my own life breath,  
For the abundance of food on this table,  
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,  
For the roof over our heads,  
The clothes on our backs,  
For our health,  
And our wealth of blessings,  
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,  
For the freedom to pray these words  
Without fear,  
In any language,  
In any faith,  
In this great country,  
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.  
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.

From Talking to God: Personal Prayers for Times of Joy, Sadness, Struggle, and Celebration (Alfred A. Knopf, New York)
Todah Rabah, Volunteers!

No job was too small or too large; you showed us your love and your presence. You shared your talents; you learned new texts and prayers; you sounded the shofar, and more. We express our deepest gratitude to the hundreds of members of our community who gave of their time, money, hearts and hands for the High Holy Days at Temple.

In addition to our volunteers, we express our thanks to the following vendors who generously donated items to our Break-the-Fast and Sukkot celebrations.

- Catering by Larry
- Central Market
- Empire Bakery
- La Duni
- Spice of Life Catering
- TJ’s Seafood Market & Grill
- Tom Thumb
- Take Charge. Period.

1. Michelle Leybovich-Gilkin
2. Joyce Rosenfield
3. Teresa Rosenfield
4. Andrew Ross
5. Rabbi Seymour Rossel
6. Scott Rosuck
7. Barry Roth
8. Debbie Rubin
9. Justin Rudelson
10. Connie Rudick
11. Sandra Rudick
12. Amy Rutstein
13. Paige Sachs
14. Lynn Salzberger
15. Byron Sandfield
16. Celia Ann Saunders
17. Larry Sayag
18. Rose Watel
19. Frances Wayne
20. Julie Weinberg
21. Sue Weiner
22. Jon Weinstein
23. Bart Weiss
24. Rochelle Weiss Crane
25. Sage White
26. Michelle Whitman
27. David Wilkes
28. Sharon Willey
29. Ben Williams
30. Gabrielle Williams
31. Rachel Wilson
32. Randy Winski
33. Karen Winter
34. Andrea Wolf
35. James Wussow
36. Francy Xavier
37. Sarah Yarim
38. Emma Yurich
39. Jack Yurich
40. Frank Zaber
41. Laura Zaber
42. Herb Ziev
43. Mark Zilbermann
44. Erin Zapolisky
The Window  NOVEMBER 2018

HANUKKAH

Light Show with Temple Emanu-El

Celebrate Hanukkah 2018 and feel the glow of this festive holiday.

NIGHT 1  SUNDAY, DEC. 2  
HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

NIGHT 3  TUESDAY, DEC. 4  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL CHOIR AT NORTH PARK

6PM  |  Northcourt (near Kona Grill)
Celebrate the third night with the sounds of the Temple Emanu-El Adult Choir and the Kol Shir Youth Choir. They will perform a lively mix of contemporary and classical Hanukkah melodies.

NIGHT 4  WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5  
COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING

5:45PM  |  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. Cantor Vicky Glikin will lead the Hanukkah blessings. A reception will follow in the Tycher Gathering Space.

WRJ HANUKKAH PARTY AND DINNER

6PM  |  Weiss Youth Wing
Enjoy a delicious dinner, schmooze with old friends and meet new members of our community. Open to all, whether or not you are a WRJ member.

NIGHT 6  FRIDAY, DEC. 7  
CONGREGATIONAL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

6:15PM  |  Olan Sanctuary
Bring your menorah and candles from home to light during the service for the sixth night of Hanukkah. Fun for all ages will follow with dinner, dessert and Hanukkah activities. Plus a performance by Kol Shir, our Youth Choir.

Cost for dinner: $18 for adults, $10 for kids ages 5-12, free for children under 5 and a family rate of $50.

RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/taam8500

Visit tedallas.org/8nights for blessings, recipes, music and more.

Questions about Hanukkah? Contact Rachel Tucker, rtucker@tedallas.org

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. 7).
Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Have you always wanted to become a bar or bat mitzvah? Now is your chance. The Adult Bnai Mitzvah program will start in January. This is open to anyone who is interested in reaffirming the power of reading from the Torah. Taught by Rabbi Debra Robbins

Register: participate.tedallas.org/adultbnaimitzvah
Contact: Rachel Tucker, rtucker@tedallas.org

Rabbi Levi A. Olan Radio Sermon Series

Tuesdays, Nov. 6, 13
12:15-1:30PM | Linz Hall
Rabbi Olan spoke on important issues in the 1960s and 1970s, and his sermons still ring true today. Bring your lunch and listen to Rabbi Olan’s sermons, followed by discussions led by Dr. Mort Prager.

Save the Date

Thursday, Dec. 13
7PM, Stern Chapel
Considering the Foundations of #metoo
An Evening with Dr. Elana Stein Hain, Shalom Hartman Institute
Register: participate.tedallas.org/steinhain

Wednesday, Dec. 19
7PM, Stern Chapel
Fall Book Review Led by Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman
"Failure" by Philip Shultz [get started now!]
Register: participate.tedallas.org/failure

BOOK CLUBS

BROTHERHOOD ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
First Saturdays of the month
1PM, following Shabbat Nosh, Archives
Saturday, Dec. 1
“The Kings Depart: The Saga of the Maccabee Empire” by Alyn Brodsky
Contact: Robert Epstein, macabee1948@gmail.com

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB
Come join the fun and compelling discussions.
Monday, Dec. 3, 2-3PM, Ackerman Conference Room
“The Sandcastle Girls” by Chris Bohjalian
Contact: Becky Slakman bslakman@tedallas.org

TORAH and TALMUD

CHEVER TORAH
Shabbat mornings, 9AM

TALMUD WITH RABBI DAVID STERN
Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30AM
No classes in November; classes resume December 5, 26
This long-running class explores Talmud and its relevance in our lives.
Contact for email list: Susan Salom, ssalom@tedallas.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING YL+E
Talmud
December 2, 9, 16
10AM-12PM, Room 133
This lay-led study group is focusing on the tractate Sanhedrin.
Contact: Mel Klein, mel@melklein.com, 214.394.1817

Torah from the Beginning
December 2, 9, 16
10AM-11:30AM, Room 135
This participatory, interactive class welcomes newcomers. No prior knowledge or preparation is necessary.
Contact: Michael Selz, mselz1@gmail.com
GIFTS OF MEMORY, HONOR AND GRATITUDE

Tributes for Sustaining Temple

Our Congregation

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

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Our Temple and Cemetery

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

Memory of Dr. Jack A. Bernard
by Margie Landau

Memory of Anatoly Chernyavski
by Sofiya Samsonova

Memory of Denna Levine Ely
by Jerry Ely

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by Marilyn Fiedelman

Memory of Theodore H. Strauss
by Sue Wayne-Strauss

Memory of Sylvia Margules Trugman
by Stanley Dayton

Memory Maxine Waldman
by Lester Melnick

Appreciation of Barbara & Stanley Rabin
by Paula Asinof

Birthday of Sylvia Silven
By Stephen Yellen

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

Memory of Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
by Lois Wolf

Memory of William Leventhal
by Milton Leventhal

Memory of Irvin Levy
by Lois Wolf

Memory of Mendel Melasky
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

Memory of Alan Weiser
by Louette Weiser

Memory of Irvin Levy
by Andrea Wolf & Norm Bleicher
by Edward & Bertha Epstein

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Cemetery Fund

Beautyification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Lippman Miller
by OriAnn & Jud Phillips

Memory of Tehila K. Miller
by OriAnn & Jud Phillips

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund

Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Bobbie Fields
by Tricia and Matt Gold

Memory of Dorothy N. Levy
by Steve & Joanne Levy

Memory of Richard Wells
by Jerry & Bobbi Wells

Memory of Robert Yudin
by Gayle Rosenthal

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund

Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Memory of Doris Coppock
by Andrew & Judith Finger

General

Temple Emanu-El General Fund
Support of Temple’s general programs and events

Memory of Ethyle Cinnamon
by Rosalie Alexander

Memory of Dr. Alfred Cinnamon
by Rosalie Alexander

Memory of Bernard “Buddy” Cohen
by Felise & Harold Leidner

Memory of Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
by Cathy & Craig Glick
by Joel & Sister Steinberg
by Karen & Richard Pollock
by Laurie & Alan Selzer
by Mary Lee & Michael Broder
by Natalie & Michael Waldman
by Staci & Jeff Mankoff
by The Loeb’s

Memory of Ida Freed
by Gary & Diane Freed

Memory of Joseph Greenspan
by Steve & Betty Silverman

Memory of Irvin Levy
by Larry Wolfish

Memory of Gertrude Marcus
by Richard Marcus & Nancy Lubar

Memory of Jerry Marvin Rose
by Rosalie Alexander

Memory of Jerrold Rudelson
by Justin Rudelson

Memory of June Sachs
by Larry Wolfish

Memory of Judith Marcus Shampaune
by Richard Marcus & Nancy Lubar

Memory of Diane Siegel
by Beth & Jim Gold

Memory of Robert Yudin
by Vesta Snider

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin
by Ron Hoffman & Family

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Ron Hoffman & Family

Birth of Stella Meiggs
by Ruthie & Jay Pack

Happy Holidays
Barbara Solomon
by Julie & Matthew Feldman

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple’s foundation supporting Temple’s support

Memory of Jack Michaelson
by Gene & Barbara Sanger

Memory of Ida Mondell
by Cynthia & Allen Mondell

Music and Prayer

Music Fund
Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Bernice Raden
by Kovitz Investment Group
by Myra & Albert Fischel
by Cathy & Craig Glick
by Dr. Wayne & Joyce Goodowitz
by Elizabeth Hirsch
by Joel & Sister Steinberg
by Joni & Robert Cohan
by Joyce & Joseph Rosenfield
by Lisa & Jim Albert
by Michelle Litt

by Peter Vogel & Marguerite Burts
by Suzi & Jack Greenman

Memory of Mollie Azaroff
by Paula Joyce

Memory of Beatrice Marks
by Richard & Marlene Marks

Memory of Bernice Raden
by LeFko Family
by Peachy Rudberg

Memory of Maxine Waldman
by Bob & Lynn Behrendt

Aline C. Rutland Prayer Book Fund
Purchases of prayer books

Memory of Sam Feldman
by Helen Feldman

Social Justice

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

Memory of Paul L. Borschow
by Tina & Michael Novick

Memory of David Braslow
by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen

Memory of Doris Coppock
by Andrew & Judith Finger

Memory of Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
by Debbie & Marc Andres

Memory of Ethel Miller
by Roslyn Polakoff

Memory of Max Vernon
by Miriam Vernon

Memory of Maxine Waldman
by Miriam Vernon

Memory of Robert Yudin
by Myra & Albert Fischel

Memory of Robert Yudin
by Joyce & Joseph Rosenfield

Birth of Jed Adam Mendelson
by Debbie & Marc Andres

Contribution
by Richard & Tina Wasserman

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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 Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
by Myra & Albert Fischel

Memory of Harriet Gold
by Tricia & Matt Gold

Memory of Bernard L. Gold
by Tricia & Matt Gold

Memory of Irvin Levy
By Suzi & Jack Greenman

Memory of Frieda Simon
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
by Melvin & Etta Weinberg

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Literacy Fund
Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities

Memory of Maurice H. Behrendt
by Bob & Lynn Behrendt

Memory of Gertrude Einsohn
by Barbara & Philip Einsohn

Memory of Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
By Terry & Barry Greenberg

Memory of Irvin Levy
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Memory of Ada Lynn
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Memory of June Sachs
by Barbara & Philip Einsohn

Memory of Dianne Betty Gordon Schonwald
by Avrum & Kim Schonwald

Memory of Gerald Paul Silber
by A. J. & Suellen Rosmarin

Appreciation of Rabbi Nancy Kasten & Rabbi David Stern
by Max & Shannyn Einsohn
by The Einsohn Family

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Melvin & Etta Weinberg

Birthday of Michelle Brown
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Julie Fields
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Chitra Fine
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Beth Gold
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Birthday of Alissa Goodman
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Birthday of Donna Hayden
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Jamie Hayden
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Birthday of Staci Mankoff
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Weezie Margolis
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Wendy Stanley
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education
Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Frank Elkin
by Sandy & Barry Diamond

Appreciation of Rabbi Daniel Utley
by Melvin & Etta Weinberg

Youth and Early Childhood Education

William P. Budner Youth Library Fund
Purchases of Judaic books and publications for students for Religious School students

Memory of Sylvia Feldman
by Lisa & Jim Albert

Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund
Support of ECEC programs

Memory of Barbara “Bobbie” Fields
by Ellen Riley, Greg Sadofsky & Family

Memory of Maxine Waldman
By Sara & David Gail

Birthday of Benjamin Gail
by The Wilson Family

Metz Youth Fund
Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations

Gina Rosenfield Levy Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp

Birth of Blakely Waxler
by Sari & Mel Waxler

Birthday of Michelle Brown
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Julie Fields
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Birthday of Wendy Stanley
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Martin and Charlotte Weiss Religious School Fund
Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses

Memory of Frank Elkin
by Bob & Lynn Behrendt & Family

Youth Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs

Memory of Bernard “Buddy” Cohen
By Joe & Phyllis Somer

Memory of Bernard Eisenstat
by Joe & Phyllis Somer

Memory of Joseph Greenspan
by Joe & Phyllis Somer

Memory of Barbara Hoffman
By Joe & Phyllis Somer

Memory of June Sachs
By Joe & Phyllis Somer

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What B’Yachad Means to Me

Since my son was diagnosed with dyslexia, I bristle at the word “accommodation.” At the bowling alley, we put up bumpers for our kids to help them stay on the straight path toward the pins, and while the end goal may be the same, the best path for kids with differences is not always straight. Rabbi Ross and Temple Emanu-El are not just putting up the bumpers, but also working hard to reimagine lanes that curve and undulate. One example is the new B’Yachad service. I’m confident my son will continue to grow into a proud Jew in large part because of the creative care and attention he receives from Temple Emanu-El.

—Bobbie Berenson

For families with special needs, it can be difficult and intimidating to participate in community gatherings, especially worship services. I am thrilled that Temple is beginning a new kind of service where families like mine can celebrate our shared experiences in a Shabbat service built for us.

—Rhoni Golden

I know when I bring my children to Temple that it is a place of respite and a space of receiving. It is often the most unexpected moments that I treasure the most, such as a spontaneous hug from my teenager during a song or hearing my son recite a prayer for the first time. I am especially grateful for the B’Yachad service, as it will provide the opportunity to share in worship with other families like ours.

—Star Lena Reedy
Creating a Gender-Inclusive World

Sunday, Dec. 2
9:30AM-11AM, Linz Hall
RSVP: participate.tedallas.org/genderparentorientation

As modern parents, we are raising children in a gender-inclusive world that goes well beyond male and female designations. Join Rebekka Ouer, LCSW, and Rabbi Amy Ross in this parent education session to raise awareness of and sensitivity surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity.

With gratitude to the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas to support this work and develop learning opportunities for the Dallas Jewish Community.

Muffins & Mimosas

Saturday, Nov. 3
9AM | Pollman Hall

A special Shabbat celebration filled with singing, dancing, laughter and prayer for families with young children birth – age 6 and their siblings. Stay after each service to socialize, nosh and participate in our monthly TOT (Tikkun Olam Time) Project.

tedallas.org/totshabbat

When the kids are away, the parents will play!

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT

Dec. 1, 6-8:30PM, Weiss Youth Wing
Register: participate.tedallas.org/parents-night-out

Drop your K-8th grade kids off at Temple and enjoy dinner on your own. It’s not babysitting—it’s food, friends and fun for kids of all ages.

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to facilitate.

Contact to get involved: Leah Baer, lbaer@tedallas.org
Let the soulful sounds of this multitalented Israeli husband-and-wife musical duo transform your Shabbat.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

*6:15pm service* | Welcome Shabbat with mystical and joyful music from Israel. Teaching by Rabbi Or Zohar on Reform Judaism in Israel.

*Following services* | Ta’am 8500 dinner, open to all! $18 for adults; $10 for children 5-12; $50 family maximum.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

*9am* | Chever Torah with Rabbi Or Zohar

*10:30am* | Shabbat morning service
A journey of mind, body and spirit through the Shabbat morning liturgy. Teaching by Rabbi Or Zohar on his interfaith work in the Arab-majority Galilee.

*12pm* | Lunch and Learn: “Jacob’s Ladders”
Enjoy Shabbat Nosh and explore Kabbalistic interpretations of the famous biblical story through the eyes of an Israeli rabbi.

*6-8pm (new time)* | Food, wine, dancing and fun! Say good-bye to Shabbat with a rousing concert and light dinner. $10 per person.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

*9am-11am* | Embodied Prayer Workshop
Or and Feliza will open up new prayer horizons through mindful movement, music and Kabbalistic teachings.

To RSVP for all events: participate.tedallas.org/zoharweekend
We have, with good reason, been hearing a lot about gratitude lately. Rabbi Debra Robbins so beautifully challenged us at Rosh Hashanah to cultivate gratitude. As Jews, we are reminded in daily prayer, as in the above phrase from the Amidah, to thank our Creator for our countless blessings. And of course, in this the season of the secular Thanksgiving, crisp weather, beautiful tables, delicious pies and succulent turkey provide a heartwarming background for the expression of gratitude.

With all the reminders, on some days gratitude can still be elusive. Luckily, there is a plethora of science, self-help, faith literature and text study to get us started. Check our library, the internet or your favorite bookstore for meaningful ways to incorporate gratefulness into your life.

For starters, write Hanan Harchol and Rabbi Leora Kaye in “Jewish Food for Thought,” think about, and really think about, what you do have—and not in relation to what others have. “Woven into thousands of years of Jewish thought is the overriding idea that taking time to recognize what you have in life is one of the uniquely beneficial rituals we can undertake,” they say. Another admonition comes from Pirke Avot, or sayings of our ancestors, written around 200 C.E. “Who is rich? Those who rejoice in their own portion.”

In this month that celebrates bountiful blessing and generous portions (in life and on our tables), we wish you abundance of gratitude—in relationships with those you love, in community, in prayer.