The Magic and the Memories

Temple is at the center of special moments of 2021
For Our Children: Pandemic loss is real and raw, and we can learn from it

“These chilling words, uttered recently by a middle schooler in response to the question, “Where are we in this moment in time?” were recorded by Dr. Sivan Zakai, Professor of Jewish Education at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). These words have been haunting me ever since. I wish that I could write them off as a dramatic overexaggerating by a particularly sensitive child, or that I could provide solid counterarguments. However, doing so would deny the reality of the trauma that all of us, including our precious children, have lived through over the course of the pandemic.

As a member of the clergy, educator and parent, I am concerned about the impact of the pandemic on the mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of our children. Let me be the first one to say that children are resilient and that they will recover. However, in the same way that each of us will never be able to forget the past 22 months, with their justifiable and irrational fears, naked vulnerability, incessant pivoting and ongoing uncertainty, so will our children be forever imprinted with this collective experience. Denying this is as effective as sticking our head in the sand. The real question is not whether trauma has taken place, but rather how we can best support our children in moving forward productively? What can parents, grandparents and adult community members do to create an environment in which our children can achieve what psychologists call post-traumatic growth?

While every child is different and requires an individual approach, below are some suggestions for how we can support our young people (and, one another), based on what I have learned from various psychologists, including Dr. Zakai and Dr. Betsy Stone, a former Temple Emanu-El congregant and professor at HUC-JIR, and on my own experience as a parent and a pastoral care provider:

1 Reflect with honesty on the past 22 months. Where are you now? Where do you want to be? Where do you want the children in your life to be? Where do you think they want to be? Every Passover, we retell the story of Exodus and imagine a better future. This type of reflection is not limited to Passover time.

2 Engage the children in your life in honest conversations about the challenges and opportunities of this time. Avoid the temptation to fix whatever is challenging for them or to “rescue” them from feelings that might sound “negative” to you. Instead, simply be present for them, hold the space, listen and accept. When Moses meets God face to face, Moses asks what God’s name is. God’s response: “I am what I am.” Whatever is revealed to us has holiness within it and our job is simply to witness it.

3 Acknowledge the loss of life, health, invincibility, experiences with loved ones, time and opportunity, safety and so much more. These losses are real and must be named before we can start moving on from the pandemic. The Jewish people know how to deal with loss. We mourn, we remember and, eventually, we praise. We say Kaddish, a prayer associated with death, but the text of which is a praise of God. We may not be ready to say Kaddish for this pandemic yet, but we will get there eventually.
Examine aspects of our pandemic lives that have been fulfilling and which we may want to carry forward with us. Perhaps, we want to prioritize family time over social obligations, or leave more white space on our children’s calendars, have more staycations, celebrate Shabbat, bake challah as a family, or regularly participate in services from home or from Temple. How do we envision our future? How do our children envision their future? Let’s intentionally and proactively rebuild more authentic, values-based and sustainable versions of our families and our lives. We are commanded to say 100 blessings a day. The only way to get to this number is by being intentional and present throughout our days. There is nothing more Jewish than living with a greater sense of presence to the unfolding miracle that is our life.

Acknowledge that we all experienced the pandemic differently and are in different places on this journey. Our children are also in different places. Let them emerge at a pace that is acceptable to them and do the best that they can. While we are at it, allow yourself to do the best that you can. Practice rachamim, compassion, one of God’s qualities, toward yourself and others. And, when you forget, be compassionate to yourself about that as well.

The impact of the pandemic, with its challenges and silver linings, will reverberate for years to come. What gives me hope is the acknowledgement that this is not the first or the last challenge that we will have faced as the Jewish people. Over the course of our history, we have experienced collective trauma and we have recovered and flourished. This time is no different. Let’s work together to create safe spaces to process the changes, to mourn the losses and to celebrate the successes. And let’s do it all within the safety and embrace of our tradition and of Temple, your spiritual community where you and your children are always welcome exactly as you are.

Nominations Open for the Board of Trustees

The Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees is beginning the process of finding new leaders for the 2022-2023 term. Nominations can be downloaded at www.tedallas.org/_uploads/2022_Beach_Recommendation_Form.pdf. The deadline to return nominations online is Jan. 7, 2022. If you would like to fill out a paper form, please contact Julie Meyer, jmeyer@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000.

The Nominating Committee, this year chaired by Risa Gross, is seeking candidates of all ages and life experiences who have proven commitment to Temple and experience in varied aspects of the organization.

In addition to Risa, nominating committee members are Macki Ellenbogen, Sara Gail, Jeff Kitner, Brandon Poland, Mike Rosen, Rick Rosenberg, Scott Rosuck and Julie Weinberg; Beth Gold and Bob Krakow, ex officio; and Meredith Fried, staff liaison.
BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

Benjamin Reynolds | Dec. 4
Son of Michelle Mychkla and John Reynolds
Brentfield Elementary
Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank

Paige Mickey Weinberg | Dec. 4
Daughter of Melanie and Andrew Weinberg
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Collecting dancewear for Iconiq Dance Studio

BABY NAMINGS

Madi Blake Donosky
Daughter of Dr. Karen and Drew Donosky, granddaughter of Bette and Dr. Gary Machower.

Estela Barbara Retamozzo Lipnick and Elia Benny Retamozzo Lipnick
Children of Kathy and David Lipnick

Jed Saenzland
Daughter of Beryl and Marshall Saenzland, granddaughter of Wendy and Marc Stanley

Luka Yazvac
Son of Katherine Brodbeck and Michael Yazvac

Shai Levy Zuckerman
Son of Sophie and Eric Zuckerman

WEDDINGS

Naomi Bowen and Michael Weissman
Christiana Fote and Ben Noskin
Lauren Glick and Nathan Levick
Laura Hartman and Thomas Pearl

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Kevin Bachus and Chanel Summers
Caryn, John, Ryan and Ben Benard
Dana Abrams, Steve and Mason Cohen
Brendan, Joanna, Michael and Rachel Emmett
Jeff and Nancy Fuhrman
Laura Gross
Marc, Jeanne and Jaymus Katz
Leslie Kelly and Ken Yunker
Jill, Eric and Zane Matthews
Melissa Michelson
Michelle Myzika, John, Benjamin and Ryan Reynolds
Abel Romero
Brian, Jenny and Meyer Rutt
Yonatan Salas, Tandum Anderson and George Salas
Michael, Jenna, Michael, Talia and Kaede Sandridge
Robert Saizel
Lisa and Asher Stoutmeyer
Sam J. and Patricia Susser
Charles and Joanne Teichman
Jake and Taylor Teichman
Alysa Teichman
Lavinia, Hal, Georgie and Bennett Towbin
Natalie and Mason Zale

MAZEL TOV

To Susan Regan Donnenfield on the birth of granddaughter Sutton Grey Donnenfield, daughter of Noah and Emily Donnenfield of Houston.

To Jeff Genecov on the engagement of his son, Adam Mitchell Genecov, and Breanna Lee Stein. A July 2022 wedding is planned.

IN MEMORIAM

Socorro Alvarez
Mother of Liz Gerber

Lawrence R. Burk
Father of Lori Burk, Leland Burk, Lisa Rosenthal and Lowell Burk

Peggy Dossiere
Mother of Keith Dossiere

Judith Frank
Mother of Howard Gilberg

Marilyn Glick Glosserman
Sister of Howard Glick

Thelma Gruber
Mother of Jodi Davis and Richard Haas

Robert “Bobby” Bradley Haas
Father of Samantha Joy Haas, Courtney Haas Bouch and Vanessa Haas Hood
Brother of Jodi Davis and Richard Haas

Thelma Kligman
Mother of Shari Markey

Rabbi Barton Lee
Brother of Carl Lee

Shirley Parks
Sister of Chuck Lewis

Sharon Taitel
Mother of Lee Taitel

Darrell Louis York, Sr.
Father of Sue Walker

Temple Cares

GRIEF SUPPORT
Temple Emanu-El | Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11:30am-1pm on Zoom
Contact Meredith Pryzant at mpryzant@tedallas.org for more information about group and/or Zoom link.

Jewish Family Service | Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 12-1pm on Zoom
For more information and Zoom link, contact Deborah Liebensberger at 972.437.9950 or dleibensberger@jfsdallas.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
Thursdays Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6-7pm on Zoom
This group returns to provide support to families and friends with loved ones who are dealing with substance abuse. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, contact Freda Heald, fredaheald@yahoo.com or call her at 972.768.7171.

NO BARRIERS
Finances should never be a barrier to participation in Temple life. Confidential financial assistance is available for most Temple events, tuition and dues.

HERE FOR YOU
Temple clergy and staff are available to support members of our community dealing with mental and physical issues. Please reach out to us if you or a friend or family member is dealing with issues related to the pandemic, depression, addiction, grief, cancer, chronic conditions, infertility, mobility issues, housing transition, job loss or other conditions.

Contact: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000, ext. 122.
BECOMING AN ANTIRACIST CONGREGATION
ONE YEAR REPORT

The Within Our Walls and Beyond Antiracism Task Force has been meeting over Zoom for about a year, and recently convened at Temple for a retreat to review its work and discuss steps to move forward.

The group has been meeting, learning, listening and talking to one another and to many in the Temple staff and community. About 30 people were interviewed as part of the group’s research. The congregational initiative also held the first series of Facing Our Truths small groups, and is convening a second round in February. To join or create a group, led by a trained facilitator, contact Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org.

The group is anticipating presenting to the Board of Trustees within the next few months.

“Our hope is that our suggestions will not only support individual learning and growth but drive a collective culture shift. The goal is to use a lens of antiracism, equity and inclusion to lift all boats so that we can continue to move forward by making Temple Emanu-El a better community for all,” said Ariana Cook, chair of the task force. “One thing is for sure, there is no singular way into this work. This is a personal journey just as much as it is a communal one.”

Ariana Cook, Chair of the Within our Walls and Beyond Antiracism Task Force at Temple

WITHIN OUR WALLS
AND BEYOND

Volunteer for a
Christmas Mitzvah at
VNA Meals on Wheels

December 24

Sign up to deliver a hot meal to those in need on Christmas Eve. Temple will once again be participating in the VNA Meals on Wheels drive.

To sign up for a shift, contact: Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Special Projects, estrauss@tedallas.org

2022 Purim Spiel Auditions

Auditions will be held on Dec. 12 and Jan. 16, 11:30AM-12:30PM, in Stern Chapel for “Reality Bites the Megillah: A 90s Purim Spiel.” Open to all adults and kids from fourth grade and above. The 2022 Purim spiel will be held on Sunday, March 6, at 10AM. For more information, contact Cantor Leslie Niren, lniren@tedallas.org.
Temple Supports Eight Agencies through Hunger Relief Effort

Thank you to all who participated in the High Holy Days Hunger Relief effort. Due to your generosity, the Social Justice Council awarded funds to the organizations below. If you are interested in getting involved at one of our partner agencies, contact: Erica Strauss, estrauss@tedallas.org.

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Become a Member of Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ is a warm and welcoming group of women offering exciting and fun programs, as well as opportunities for advocacy and social justice at Temple and in the community. When you join, you are participating in vital support of our congregation and community through volunteerism and financial partnership. WRJ generously provides sacred hospitality, tuition assistance to families in the Early Childhood Education Center and Youth Learning + Engagement, support of bar and bat mitzvah training, Jewish summer experiences and much more. Wherever you look, you will see the impact of WRJ in making Temple and the larger community a better place.

Memberships start at $50. Those who join at the $180 level receive a 15% discount at Judaic Treasures. Visit tesisterhood.org/join-or-renew-membership

Yoga Emanu-El

Yoga through a Jewish lens
Tuesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4 PM
Join certified yoga instructor Debbi K. Levy for this weekly session in Olan Sanctuary.
Contact: Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org

Temple Book Club

All sessions are at 2 PM and online until further notice.
Contact Anjelica Ruiz for Zoom links and questions, aruiz@tedallas.org.

December 6
The Color of Love
by Marra Gad
Home of Their Hearts

Congregants describe the Temple moments that touched them in 2021

Class Acts

All it took was a whiff of memory that took them back to Olan Sanctuary at their bar and bat mitzvahs for an engaged couple to choose the spot for their chuppah.

The path of friendship that has fueled the legacy of two longtime third-grade teachers brought them to Stern Chapel for a special blessing.

The sense of connection from a mountaintop where Herod ruled to Hillcrest Road stayed with a Temple teen throughout her Israel journey.

And the urge to keep chatting after the mitzvah of delivering a welcome bag to a new member forged new relationships for an active Temple volunteer.

Temple touched the lives of these members who shared their stories about special 2021 moments. But more than that, their stories touch the life of Temple. They are the energy in Temple’s veins, the force that day after day turns a building into a home, an ancient faith into a meaningful way of life.

They both remember receiving their children’s Torahs when they started religious school at Temple. It’s fitting for these friends and 37-year veterans of teaching third grade at Youth Learning + Engagement.

Sharon Willey and Shelley Wylie have experienced many parallels in their journey through Temple life. They were in DAFTY, formerly Temple’s group for teens. They went to North Texas State University (now University of North Texas), were education majors, lived in the same apartment complex, and rediscovered each other when they started teaching at Temple. Then in 1995, they both got married in the same week to husbands Mike Willey and Danny Wylie, who are both Jews by choice. Not surprisingly, Mike and Danny have also been religious school teachers. Mike is still teaching fifth grade.

Every year the two couples go out on the Saturday night between their early September anniversaries (as well as for a Chinese food dinner on Christmas!) As their 25th anniversaries approached in 2020, they set a date for a Shabbat wedding blessing on Sept. 4. Then came the pandemic and a halt to in-person services.

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As Alex Kessler and Chad Teiber met with Rabbi David Stern to consider wedding venues for their pandemic season wedding, they knew as soon as they walked into Olan Sanctuary that it would be where they would commit their lives to each other.

Temple is certainly a warm and familiar place to the couple. Both sets of parents, Lisa and Daniel Kessler and Cathy and Todd Teiber, were married in front of the magnificent ark with the iconic Anni Albers tapestry. And two of their four sets of grandparents, Sylvia and Seymour “Sy” Kessler on Alex’s side and Joan and Malcolm Shwarts on Chad’s side, were married at the South Boulevard location.

“What was so cool for us was that our parents got married in the same spot. Nothing’s changed. It looks and smells the same,” says Alex. “It means a lot to us for sentimental reasons to get married at Temple.”

Both Alex and Chad, he a year older, went through religious school at Temple and figured they probably passed each other in the hallways. They started dating in high school and have been together ever since. Like many couples, they postponed their wedding for nearly a year and are happy they can proceed with a Temple wedding the way they had dreamed about it.

“We were not planning a two-year engagement, but if the worst thing to happen is that we have to postpone our wedding, that’s not too bad,” Chad says. “We are very fortunate.”

In another nod to family wedding tradition, Chad plans to wear a white tuxedo jacket and red rose as his grandfather did 69 years ago, and the couple will break the glass with a vintage Teiber light bulb from his family’s lighting company.

They plan to continue their connection to Temple and have their future children attend Temple’s religious school — just as they did! Throughout three generations of both their families: “It’s the one constant that has always been there.”
The Gifts that Keep on Giving

Nancy Wiener Marcus loves to connect with people. Once she felt comfortable enough to start participating in person at Temple, she jumped at the chance to deliver welcome bags to new members. She received three names and immediately made phone calls to set up in-person deliveries.

The first recipient was someone who had lived in Dallas 50 years ago and had gone to the University of Texas like Nancy had. She and her husband were back in town and wanting to reconnect with people. The second recipient had just moved in the last two weeks and was appreciative of Nancy’s friendly hello. “We had such a lovely chat!”

Nancy and the third recipient, Deborah Morris, discussed Temple life. “I asked her if she wanted to become active with Temple and gave her Linda Kahalnik’s email. [Linda is director of member services.] I told her about sisterhood too, and let her know she could call me about anything.” Nancy and Deborah also discovered they had so many things in common that they decided to get together for lunch.

“We moved here from Los Angeles, where I was very involved with my temple,” Deborah says. “I had not found my people yet in Texas yet until I walked into Temple Emanu-El. And getting to meet Nancy is a really good way to get people even more committed. I’m around the people I want to be around.”

As Nancy explains: “I was on such a high after my three phone calls,” Nancy says. “After connecting with the people, I thought, ‘wow this is just a good mitzvah all the way around for Temple.’ ”

On Top of the World

Ilanna Feldman, a senior at Greenhill, traveled to Israel this past summer and shared her reflections.

When I reflect on the time that I spent in Israel this past summer, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of joy and community. I’m so grateful to Temple Emanu-El for the opportunities I’ve had that led me to this amazing experience in Israel. I remember hearing all about it as a student in YL+E and I knew for sure that it would be part of my summer one day.

The entire trip was filled with many different emotions, highlights, and meaningful experiences, but my all-time favorite part of the trip was the three-night camping trip.

We began by floating in the Dead Sea, followed by camel rides and a night in Bedouin tents. The next morning, we woke up at 3AM to climb Masada before sunrise. We spent the morning learning about the ancient desert fortress and toured the remains of King Herod’s palace. We then began the hike down and headed to Kibbutz Yahel for the afternoon. We had delicious Asian food for dinner that the tour guides from Kibbutz Yahel cooked for us. We learned about the different constellations and how we should always be able to find the north star. We closed out the program by singing “Stars in the Sky,” our favorite song that we sing at camp each summer. This experience was incredible for me because I had never done anything like it, and it really pushed me out of my comfort zone.

The next morning, we snorkeled by the coral reefs in the Red Sea. This was followed by our last night in the desert. We climbed up a mountain near our camp where we could see Israel, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon all from this one mountaintop. Our tour guide told us that one of the most freeing feelings is screaming at the top of your lungs on top of a mountain where there is no civilization for miles. All of my friends and I held hands and screamed our hearts out. It was an amazing feeling like I was on top of the world and in that moment, I knew that I felt at home.
Hanukkah Mental Health Resources

The Blue Dove Foundation, an organization that addresses the issues of mental illness and addiction in the Jewish community and beyond, has created a list of resources that highlight the connections between this holiday that celebrates miracles and light and the organization’s efforts to celebrate resilience, strength and turning darkness into light.

Each of the following contain inspirational and informational resources for all, whether you are dealing with mental illness for yourself or a family member or just want to learn more.

Blessings and Readings: thebluedovefoundation.org/hanukkahs-connection-to-mental-health

The Conversation Project

As you gather for winter breaks this month, please keep in mind that it’s a great time to have intergenerational conversations about end of life wishes. It’s a serious topic, and a powerful one, that can help families treat one another with respect and dignity in the event of accidents, tragedy or illness. To learn more, visit the video of the October event: vimeo.com/642034985

And, great news! The next Conversation Project events will be on Feb. 16-17. Watch Temple communications for more details.
Spotlight on Elise Plaksen and Nikki Gibson

The Annual Fund is the highest fundraising priority at Temple. The funds raised help make Temple the vibrant place that it is, and provide resources for unwavering help and support for you and your loved ones. As Temple looks ahead to its 150th anniversary, we take time to share stories with you of today’s engaged leaders who are helping to assure a strong tomorrow.

Elise Rossman Plaksen
Chair, 2021-2022 Annual Fund
Commercial Real Estate Developer

Hometown: Philadelphia

Temple Involvement: Member since 1987, Adult Learning including Torah study, Stepping Stones and Mussar; facilitator for Wise Aging; Music Arts and Culture Committee; Budget Committee; Board of Trustees; social justice work with North Texas Food Bank and voter registration

Memorable Temple moments: Seeing my son, Scott, celebrate his bar mitzvah at Temple in 2001 with our friends and family; my own adult bat mitzvah in 2017 and reading the Haftarah blessing and verses at Rosh Hashanah 2018

Why did you say “yes” to the Annual Fund? I feel so very strongly about Temple and our members. Temple provides so many opportunities and initiatives for so many people both within and outside our physical walls. I’m so proud to be giving back for all that Temple has given me by doing my part to help raise funds to supplement the budget.

What is the biggest impact of the Annual Fund? Temple has a huge annual budget that allows us to support the congregation’s many varied needs. Clergy, staff and lay leaders work hard to keep expenses in check and are always conscious of the stewardship that goes along with that responsibility. Our membership dues cover less than 36% of the operating budget. The Annual Fund helps to fill that gap, which then helps Temple provide a myriad of programs, initiatives and sacred work that positively impacts so many people.

Is there anything you wish more people knew about the Annual Fund? The Annual Fund is a collection of approximately 110 volunteers who have joined together to engage in this important work. By getting involved with such a dynamic, varied group of people, we all grow and thrive. As the theme of the campaign states, we are creating possibilities together.
Nikki Hurst Gibson
Vice Chair, 2021-2022 Annual Fund
Partner, Bell Nunnally & Martin, commercial finance practice, and
chair of the firm’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Hometown: Dallas; lived in Scarsdale, New York, and North Palm Beach, Florida, before returning to Dallas to attend law school.

Temple Involvement: Adult member for 35 years and third-generation member; Social Action Committee, Just Congregations Committee, Budget Committee, Board of Trustees

Memorable Temple Moments: As a child, it was attending the Sisterhood luncheon when my mother was president and giving the blessing over the bread. I grew up at Temple until we moved to New York, and my family was very involved. I have fond memories of napping on Rabbi Olan’s shoulder as we drove to Tyler, Texas, where my grandfather was the rabbi and being honored. As an adult, my husband and I attended an interfaith group led by Rabbi Zimmerman and also served as leaders for a Mitzvah Day, where we painted a house. My children’s confirmations were memorable as well as my niece’s bat mitzvah.

Why did you say “yes” to the Annual Fund? I served on the Annual Fund Board for Duke University and know the power and importance of the Annual Fund. Just like tuition, dues cannot do all that is necessary to provide the vibrant and engaging programming for our community. The Annual Fund is essential to Temple and allows it to address the interests and needs of the Temple community. Saying yes means insuring that Temple is here today and in the future. I also have had a wonderful time getting to know more members of Temple and learning more about Temple.

What to you is the biggest impact of the Annual Fund? Providing additional resources to meet and exceed the expectations of the Temple community. Temple dues only go so far in providing the necessary funds to carry out Temple’s mission and operate Temple. The Annual Fund bridges the gap and enables Temple to serve and support our community needs.

Is there anything you wish more people knew about the Annual Fund? Every gift matters and makes a true impact on what Temple can do.

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Fund Fact: Did you know?
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Our 2022-2023 school year registration opens on January 4 at 7AM.
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OUR CONGREGATION

GIFTS OF MEMORY, HONOR AND GRATITUDE
Tributes for Sustaining Temple

DORA AROINSON HELPING HANDS FUND
Distributions by Rabbi David Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations

Memory of Gerald Alan Barnes
by Erica Bloom Feldman
Memory of Arnold Breisky
by Lauren & Gary Breisky
Memory of Lawrence Burck
by Dotty & Lew Weinstein
Memory of Bill Cohen
by Artyco Cohen
Memory of David Echt
by Dotty & Lew Weinstein
Memory of Debbie Freed
by Irmo Grossman
Memory of Jim Giannis
by Carle Sherman
Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Betty & David Zolman
Birthday of Alan Gold
by Irmo Grossman
Birthday of Rito Sue Gold
by Irmo Grossman

SUSAN SALOM CLERGY GOOD WORKS FUND
Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple’s clergy

Memory of Jacob Brodsky
by Marcie & Michael Brown
Memory of Elyane Brown
by Marcie & Michael Brown
Memory of Sylvia Fink
by Joyce & Alan Goldberg
Memory of Debbie Freed
by Lotzy & Peter Casillas
by Judy & Rabb Steinberg
by Todd & Ted Birber
Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
by Judy & Rabb Steinberg
Memory of Claire Greenberg
by Paul Greenberg
Memory of Rabbi Barton Lee
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg
Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren
by Joyce & Alan Goldberg
Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Sally Glickman
Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Brad Blumenthal
Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley
by Brad Blumenthal
Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Irma Grossman
Memory of Debbie Freed
by Betsy & Daniel Zellman

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 Gerald W. Bernstein
by Paula & Norman Feldman
Memory of Lila Borrow
by Bobbi & David Ripp
Memory of Jacob Brodsky
by Melanie & Howard Rubin
Memory of Claire Greenberg
by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen
Memory of Rito Power
by Lynne Robinov Rosso

OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

ROSE MARION AND LEE H. BERG BUILDING FUND
Uphold and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Frank Belzacki Bell
by Betty Jo & David Bell
Memory of Alan L. Berger
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Lawrence Burck
by Janet & Sonny Hershman
by Jodi
by Sally & Bob Rosen
by Morris Rutnik
Memory of Anatoly Chernyavsky
by Sofiya Samsonova
Memory of Norma June Cohen
by Morris Rutnik
Memory of Ellyn Cohm
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Matthew Evan Cohm
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Sylvia Fink
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Frances Tachtengen Green
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Ben W. Gruber
by Toby Gruber
Memory of Harry B. Rosenstock
by Toby Gruber
Memory of Rose Louise Rossner
by Helaine Tachtengen
Memory of Charlene & Jack Stoller
by June Leb

Memory of Ike Tachtengen
by Helaine Tachtengen
As a Contribution
by Andrew & Richard Skibbell
Birthday of Margie Levin
by Fonda Glazer
Birthday of Sarah Yavin
by Christa & Neil Smoll
Honor of Michael Hoffman
by Esther & Burt Balkin
Honor of Leslie Levy
by Margie Landau

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND

As a Contribution
by Marcia & Ed Fittmumarce
RABBI GERALD J. KLEIN MEMORIAL CEMETARY FUND
Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Adelaide Cohn
by Mary Ann Lustig
Memory of Isadore Cohn
by Mary Ann Lustig
Memory of John Ira Kirk
by Mary Ann Lustig
Memory of Ruth L. Kostein
by Mary Ann Lustig
Memory of Neal Nimmer
by Rennie & Buddy Gilbert

RABBI GERALD J. KLEIN GARDEN FUND
Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Albert Darver
by Steen & Alan Darver
Memory of Debbie Freed
by Joan & Malcolm Shwartz
Memory of Anita Rudy
by Helen Stein
Memory of David Alan Vogel
by Marguerite Burns & Peter Vogel

ALEX F. WEISBERG LIBRARY FUND
Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Memory of David Breslow
by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen

GENERAL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GENERAL OPERATING FUND
Support of Temple’s general programs and events

Memory of Gerald Barnes
by Mary Lee, Michael, Katie & Brian Broder
by Arlene & Michael Glazer
by Nan Kirkpatrick
by Michael Lee, M.D.
by Carol, John, Katherine & Allen Levy

by Alke & Jim Skinner
Memory of Ralph Bubis
by Jan Watson
Memory of Lawrence Burck
by Sheryl & Gordon Bogen
by Judy & Jayme Clement
by The Danny Family
by Sheli & Alan Darver
by Dan Farris
by Gary Hoffman
by Gary Kahn
by Pamela Sorkin Cohen
by Amy & Larry Stein

Honor of Debbie Freed
by Eileen Roy
Memory of Lillian Hammer
by Barbara Jo & Geoffrey Crowley
Memory of Jules Novick
by Michael Novick
Appreciation of Roberto Longoria
by Anjeka Ruiz
Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley
by Barbara Jo & Geoffrey Crowley
As a Contribution
by Judy and Jayme Clement
Birthday of Alan Gold
by Larry Goldman
Honor of Rabbi Dan Utley
by Jan Watson

TEMPLE EMANU-EL ENDOWMENT FUND
Distribution from the Temple’s foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL ENDOWMENT FUND
Distribution from the Temple’s foundation supporting Temple’s programs

Memory of Gerald Barnes
by Hilo & Nat Balman
Memory of Charles Bennett
by Janet & Mitch Jacobs
Memory of Jack Carman
by Catherine Carman
Memory of Arthur Friedman
by Natalie Friedman
Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
by Catherine Carman
As a Contribution
by Andrew & Norm Blachter
MUSIC AND PRAYER

MUSIC FUND
Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Gerald Barnes
by Barbara & Philip Einsaín
Memory of Judith Frank
by Barbara & Philip Einsaín
Memory of J.Y. Golden
by Rennie & Buddy Gilbert
Memory of Joseph M. Redstone
by Sue & Marcel Weiser
Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glakin
by Barbara Rosenman
by Phyllis & Joe Soamer
Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren
by Phyllis & Joe Soamer
by Betty & Daniel Zellman

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Joan Becker & Family
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Chaput
by Vicki & Brian Shiller

ADULT PROGRAMS

ATID (YOUNG ADULTS)
Support of Jewish engagement of young adults in their 20s and 30s

Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley
by Phyllis & Joe Soamer

KATHERINE F. BAUM ADULT EDUCATION FUND
Support for adult education programs

Appreciation of Rachel Tucker
by Anjeka Ruiz

SOCIAL JUSTICE

HUNGER RELIEF PROJECTS
Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially during High Holy Days and Passover

Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley
by Loo & Jim Albert
Memory of Ludwig Guckenheimer
by Miriam Vann
Memory of Benjamin L. Hochberg
by Katherine Kozett & Lawrence Hochberg
Memory of Zanne L. Hochberg
by Katherine Kozett & Lawrence Hochberg
Memory of Charlotte & Jack Stoller
by Helen Feldman
As a Contribution
by Betty Jo & David Bell
by Linda Brenner
by Judy & Dan Cohn
by Arlene & Allen Feldman
by Lynda & Gordon Newman
by Phyllis & Philip Shupack
by Helaine Tachtengen
Birthday of Charlotte Danto
by Susan & Daryl Beck

THE JILL STONE TIKKUN OLAM FUND
Support of Temple’s social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures

Memory of Gerald Barnes
by Stacy & Stuart Simon
Memory of Lawrence Burck
by Benetta Gross
Memory of Louise Eisenman
by Benetta Gross
Memory of Debbie Freed
by Gaylyn & Howard Lipp
Memory of Gerre Gifford
by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen
Memory of Thelma Gruber
by Susan & Daryl Beck

The Window | DECEMBER 2021
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Experience a weekend of communal singing and prayerful music with Deborah Sacks Mintz and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, accompanied by violinist extraordinaire Coleen Dieker.

**JANUARY 7**

**Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM | Stern Chapel**
Welcome Shabbat through song with Deborah, Josh and Coleen as they bring to life some of our favorite musical settings of prayers.

**JANUARY 8**

**Torah Study | 9AM**
“Singing at the Sea, Lamenting by the River: Song Narratives in Our Collective Story,” taught by student rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

**Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM**
Embark on a spiritual journey with Deborah, Josh and Coleen in this reflective service featuring melody and silence.

**Concert and Havdalah | 6PM**
Enjoy a picnic and get ready to dance, sing and clap during this joyful concert.

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

**Contact:** Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org
January Save-the-Dates

Looking ahead to 2022, mark your calendars now for an incredible month of learning, music, holidays and prayer. Watch Temple communications for more details.

Learn with Rabbi Josh Taub | Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27
Topic: How's This for a Theory: The Exodus from Egypt Never Happened
If we consider what one scholar calls “literary based historical geography,” the Hebrew Bible will show that the famous Israelite migration (The Exodus) never involved Egypt, slavery to Pharaoh or a journey across the Sinai peninsula. The narrative in the Torah is an allegorical tale about internal strife in the unified Israelite nation.

Soul Tide Shabbat | Jan. 7-8
You’ve hummed, tapped and clapped to their mesmerizing melodies. Now hear them live. See p. 15 for more details.

Shabbat Shirah | Sabbath of Song | Jan. 14-15

Tu BiSh’vat | Holiday of the Trees | Jan. 16-17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Jan. 17 | Volunteer Opportunity

Winter Film Series: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion | Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3